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Rates down again in mortgage war

ified yesterday when the Nation-wide cut its variable rate for a million borrowers by a quarter of a point to 6.74 per cent.

The new rate, a belated response to last month's base rate cut, is the lowest to be declared by a major lender and is half a point below most of its rivals. Interest paid to savers will also be cut.

The Nationwide last cut its mortgage rate by just under half a point in February as part of a £200 million scheme to demonstrate to customers the benefits of remaining with an

May I, takes rates to their lowest level since January 1965.

A Nationwide customer with a

ESO,000 repayment mortgage will now pay £326.03 a month, £14.44 less than at the Halifax. In March 1990, when rates hit a peak of 15.4 per cent, such a borrower would have paid £603.

None of the other big names in the industry responded to the move, having reduced their rates when the base rate fell last month, and some wondered privately how long the Nationwide could sustain such discounting. But the Yorkshire Build-

A Halifax spokeswoman said: "We keep our rates under review, but we are not intending to take any action as a result of the Nationwide's move." She also pointed out that Halifax borrowers could take advantage of a two-year discounted deal at 3.89 per cent.

The Nationwide decision will slightly affect the rate at the Cheltenham & Gloucester, which has pledged to set its rate at a quarter of a point below the average of the five major lenders. The C&G's current variable rate is 6.95 per cent.

Though disparate in size, both the

savers and borrowers, despite the levered takeover and conversion speculation prevailing among other building societies. Both have launched special reward schemes for their members in an attempt to match the windfalls on offer from

societies that are becoming banks. When the Nationwide announced its last mortgage rate cut in February, it said that it would be narrowing its margins to return £200 million of its profits to customers in the shape of more competitive rates for both savers and borrowers. Yesterday Brian Davis. the chief executive said that the

interest rates are attracting people back to the housing market. Nearly a third of estate agents saw prices rise in their areas last month, according to the National Association of Estate Agents - the first time that such a high proportion of agents have seen signs of a price

increase since 1989. The association's findings will fuel the optimism sparked last week by the Halifax Building Society, which announced that prices had risen for eight consecutive months.

Some first-time buyers, who cannot remember interest rates as high 15 per cent, are, however,

far more affordable than they were for their parents in the Sixties.

Today's buyers have to pay £50,930 for the average house — just over two-and-a-half times the average income of £19,700, while in each of the previous three decades, people had to pay more than three times their annual salary for their home. In 1965, the average house price was £3,418 and the average income £1,147; in 1975 the figures were £11,288 and £3,558, and in 1985. the average house cost £35,436 against an income of £10,555.

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US helicopters ready to mount Liberian rescue

By Michael Binyon and Leyla Linton

UNITED STATES helicopters were last night poised to begin rescuing hundreds of Britons and Americans who had sought refuge in the US Em-bassy while intense fighting continued to rage in Mourovia, the Liberian capital

said in Washington that the helicopters that arrived in Monrovia from Sierra Leone ing our heads down." will not go back empty".

15 to 34 W. President Clinton remained concerned. Earlier, William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, said troops were standing by and the US was preparing to handle a "size-able evacuation". A military team in Monrovia was assessing the situation.

Some 30 Britans out of 56 registered with the British Embassy were sheltering in the American Embassy, with more than 200 of the 450 Americans in Liberia. Some 20,000 people are also camped with bundles of belongings and cooking pots under trees near the embassy annexe.

The Foreign Office said yesterday that it was co-ordinating evacuation plans with the Americans, who promised to take out all Brit-ons who wanted to leave. Some aid workers outside the capital are likely to stay as they are not in immediate

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danger. Richard Burge, an aid programme co-ordinator, said it had been relatively quiet overnight, but armed youths were roaming the street and there had been

atmosphere but we are all coping and sitting here, keep-

laren have been sheltering from the fighting in a safe apartment block in Mamba Point since Friday. They had been bringing healthcare and food to the front lines in the interior but the fighting had gradually forced them to suspend their operations during the past two weeks.

The United Nations has already begun to fly out some of its staff, with an official describing the situation as "utter chaos". He said there were a lot of bodies lying around, while people were going in and out of the city searching for relatives. UN offices had been looted. Andrew Dunham, a Briton evacuated to Sierra Leone by helicopter from the UN compound on Monday, said the airport was severely damaged and rocket fire had hit a local hotel.

Fighting appeared to sub-side slightly yesterday after

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after the ruling Council of State sacked Roosevelt Johnson as Minister of Rural ontinued to rage in Monroia, the Liberian capital "Everybody is very tired."
A State Department official he said. "There is a very tense Development and ordered his arrest for murder in a clash with the militia. Dozens of Lebanese hostages were still being held as fighters loyal to Mr Johnson Seven staff for Save the sought refuge in the former army barracks. About 40 Lebanese, mostly women and children, were seized, together with about 20 Nigerians from Ecomog, the West African peace-keeping force, and several hundred Liberians. Three

Lebanese have been freed. Kallu Kalumiya, of the Uni-ted Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which is sheltering about 150 people in its compound, said the fighting had continued unabated during the day, although there were periods of relative quiet. "We can hear gunshots, and see plumes of smoke from parts of the city. Many build-

ings have burnt down."
Dr Kalumiya said of the refugees from the fighting: You see fear on the faces of many of them. Like frightened dogs really. But they hope for the best. This is a desperate situation. We are hoping that Ecomog can still deploy and

recapture its credibility."
He added: "We are running short on food and water because it is unsafe for us to access the warehouses in other areas of the city. We have enough for two more days. At

least we have shelter." Thomas Grant, a British businessman, said he was lucky to find shelter in the American compound. Many other foreigners had been trapped outside by the fighting. There are shootings and killings going on all over.

The fighting is the latest flare-up in a civil war that has

lasted six years and killed

minimum of three months for

could be six." Busst will stay in

Hope Hospital, where a nail will be inserted in the bone

Mr Ross added: "He will go

back to theatre tomorrow for

further inspection. Although

it is a serious injury, I am optimistic the fracture will

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early next week.

heal spontaneously."



Nurse wins mid-air battle to save sick tennis player

By Lan Jenkins

A BRITISH murse battled for two hours aboard a Jumbo jet to save the life of a leading tennis player who had col-lapsed with a suspected brain infection.

As Lucy Needham, 22, writhed with convulsions Pauline Robinson, who had responded to a call for help from the crew, administered first aid and covered her head in a cushion cover filled with ice from the drinks trolley. Mrs Robinson said she thought her patient was going to die and the captain diverted the aircraft to India.

Miss Needham, who was returning home after playing in two tournaments in Java, fell ill about an hour into the 13 hour flight to Heathrow from Kuala Lumpur. "She was having seizures. Her face was distorted, her hands were like claws and her legs were cycling. She had a high temperature and had no muscle tone in her right arm or leg," said Mrs Robinson, 48, from

Northamptonshire.

"I have seen people like that before and knew it was something cerebral. I thought she had meningitis or encephali-tis. I thought she was going to die and told the stewardesses I did not think she would make it back to England." She



Needham: collapsed with

four airline blankets and held her head in the ice-filled cushion for two hours while the British Airways jumbo jet jettisoned more than 300 tonnes of fuel over the sea in order to land at Madras

Miss Needham, who is ranked 30 among British women players, was a top junior competitor but opted to put her tennis career on hold while studying for a degree at Loughborough University. Doctors at the Apollo Hos-

pital, Madras, carried out tests including a brain scan but have been unable to diagnose her condition. Yesterday she was said to be improving and doctors said that her illness was not life

John Hobbs, her stepfather, spoke to her on the telephone her hospital bed yesterday. "She was still very groggy so it is hard to work out what happened. But it appears she probably had some virus and had a violent reaction to it."

War veterans claim pensions at the double

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

SECOND World War veterans who "bit the bullet" and accepted wartime sufferings rather than ask for a pension after demobilisation are coming forward in their thousands to claim their rights.

Most are in their 70s and 80s but one 90-year-old from the First World War, who served as an infantryman at the Somme and had always complained of deafness, was among the most recent to be granted a war pension.

The surge in claimants comes after a campaign by the Royal British Legion and other welfare organisations.

The latest Department of Social Security figures show that in 1995-96 an estimated 331,000 veterans or their widows will be getting pensions worth an estimated £1,247 million. Yet between 1967 and 1987, only 76,000 veterans were awarded pensions or lump sum gratuities. Since 1987, a further 297,700 awards have been made.

One difficulty has been to prove disabilities were caused by war service and were not

part of growing old. The deafened 90-year-old ex-infantryman, who has now died, was also gassed in the First World War. But he never associated his disabilities with his war service," Tom House. head of pensions at the Royal British Legion, said yesterday. Had he claimed in 1919, he would have been paid the equivalent of more than £320,000 in pension over 77

years at today's rates. He added: These men didn't claim because they were the type who bit the t and accepted their problems. They had seen comrades with legs blown off and didn't feel it was right to claim for

their more minor sufferings." Veterans suffering up to 19 per cent disability receive a lump sum, ranging from more than £1,500 to about £6,000. But they get a pension only if they can prove their condition has deteriorated.

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Broken leg footballer faces year of injury

City defender who broke his leg in the second minute of the the fracture to heal and it Carling Premiership game against Manchester United at the weekend, will face at least year out of the game.

He underwent an operation last night at Hope Hospital, Salford, and faces more surgery tomorrow on the horrific injury that halted the match for nine minutes. He was said

to be "comfortable". Raymond Ross, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, said: "I

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Tory MPs press Clarke to resist 'son of ERM'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

KENNETH CLARKE was urged by Conservative MPs vesterday to stand firm against demands from Germany, France and Brussels for Britain to take part in a new exchange-rate mechanism.

The Chancellor is expected to please the Euro-sceptics by fighting pressure from other European Union finance ministers on Friday for a "son of ERM" to accommodate countries that do not go into the single currency planned to start in 1949.

The core single currency countries are pushing for an arrangement under which those ourside the currency are subject to exchange-rate limits so that they cannot competitively devalue their money against the new euro.

There are even suggestions that refusal to enter a new ERM framework could result in trade and other sanctions being imposed on Britain.

Senior ministers and MPs rejected the idea as reflecting the "paranoia" of some in Europe about Britain's intentions. But Treasury sources emphasised Mr Clarke's determination to fight a new ERM when it is discussed at the meeting in Verona on

Friday. In a letter to the Italian Finance Minister, the Chancellor says that an old-style mechanism would create rigid exchange-rate links between those inside and outside a single currency. "Experience has shown that such systems cannot cope with times of major market stress and turbulence. The run-up to European monetary union and immediately afterwards could

"For our part we see no case for a new ERM which would be almost bound to fail if it tried to encompass economies which were by definition noncovergent as defined by the

He says, however, that there will be a need for "alternative measures" to restrict the stresses and strains. Mr Clarke is understood to believe that other EU countries should adopt the Government's practice of setting inflation targets as a means of achieving stability.

David Howell, chairman of the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee, accused the Franco-German alliance of being "obsessed" with the idea that Britain would indulge in competitive devaluation. "It's

imaginary paranoia. We did not deliberately leave the ERM. We were pushed out because our rate was too high. We would not deliberately devalue. We don't believe in it. We are not going to commit this sin which they are trying to punish us for."
He said the Europeans could not force Britain to join the new ERM as there was no obligation in any of the trea-

pursue policies which support our interest and don't deliberately want to harm other countries who want to try to form an inner core," he said. A leading sceptic, Nicholas Budgen, said that the Tory party would erupt if there was an attempt to rejoin the ERM.

ties. "The Chancellor should

"Mr Clarke should just politely say no." European finance ministers are to discuss how to link the proposed single currency with the currencies of European member states that do not join. France and Germany fear a series of competitive devaluations by countries who

remain outside the single currency. which would make their exports cheaper and undermine the system. Britain retains the right to opt out of the single currency and the Government has said it will make a decision nearer the time and when the economic circumstances are clearer. Labour has said it would join the single currency only if there was convergence of the European economies over jobs on top of the Maastricht treaty

Sir Leon Brittan, Vice-President of the European Commission, played down suggestions of a new rift between Britain and other members, "Britain has a common interest with her partners in the system not being de-stabilised, because if were that would harm Britain as much as it would anybody else," he said.

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Patrick Dalzel-Job with a portrait of his wife, and, below, in wartime uniform

Tribute to a war hero as brave as James Bond

FORMER naval officer who disobeyed orders to save the lives of 4,500 civilians in wartime Norway, and who is said to be the inspiration for honoured tonight.

Sub Lieutenant Patrick Dalzel-Job risked a court martial when he commandecred a fleet of fishing boats to evacuate an entire village shortly before it was de-stroyed in a bombing raid by the Germans. The action of the young officer was recognised by the Norwegians but widely ignored in Britain because of his disobedience.

Over three days and two nights, at the end of May 1940, every man, woman and child in the coastal village of Narvik was taken to safety on 100 boats. The village was virtually empty when waves of German bombers arrived the next day and razed the wooden houses to the ground in a reprisal attack. There were just four casualties.

Mr Dalzei-Job is now an 82-year-old widower who lives in Wester Ross, Highland. At the time he was 27

and knew the northern Norwegian coastline from his days, before the war, when he crewed a schooner, among the fjords.

llowing the rescue operation he served with the author Ian Fleming in his undercover advance assault commando unit in occupied France and Germany. When Fleming published his Bond novels, former colleagues of Dalzel-Job immediately saw him as the model for the secret agent Mr Dalgel-Job, who mar-

ried one of the Norvik survivors. was awarded one of Norway's highest honours. the Knights Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of St Olav (first class), by the late King Haakon VIL He believes his defiance cost him a sea-going command with the Royal Navy. Allied Command had forbidden him from using civilian craft to evacuate the village and only the intervention of the King helped the young officer escape a court martial. Speaking yesterday, Mr Dalzel-Job said: "I think I succeeded



because I had the trust of the skippers and because the movements were made to look like fishing trips. I discussed the plan with the mayor and we agreed that the civilians should be got out quickly because we knew that a German raid would come sooner rather than later and that is exactly what happened. My commanders did not think the Germans were coming and I got the order that I was not, repeat not, to utilise civilian craft. I was threatened with court martial but the Norwegian king wrote a very complimentary letter to my superiors - I think it embarrassed them."

Tonight he will be joined by survivors of the evacuation on the BBC's Hearts of Gold programme, when his exploits will be recalled with the use of previously unseen

NEWS IN BRIEF

Murder police seek anonymous caller

A man has telephoned police anonymously with information that could identify the killer of Janet Brown, who was handcuffed and battered to death at her Buckinghamshire farmhouse a year ago today.

Detectives vesterday appealed for the caller to make contact again. They have never established a motive for the murder of the 51-year-old medical researcher, who was alone in her home in the village of Radnage, when her killer broke in through a window. Detective Superintendent Mike Short said that a man had twice rung police in February. "We are keen to hear from the caller again as soon as possible and he can contact us in the strictest confidence. I don't believe this is a hoax and I don't believe it is the killer himself."

At the time of the murder, Mrs Brown's husband, Grahaem, a research scientist, was working in Switzerland, where he still lives. Their elder daughter and son. Zara and Benedict, were away at university, while their 17-year-old daughter Roxanne was staying with friends.

Dunblane date agreed

The judicial inquiry into the massacre at Dunblane Primary School last month, in which to children and their class teacher were shot dead, will take place in Stirling, five miles from the school, the Scottish Office announced, Lord Cullen, 60. a senior Scottish judge who carried out the investigation into the Piper Alpha disaster, will head the inquiry. The preliminary hearings will begin on May I. Witnesses at the inquiry will be called to give evidence under oath.

Drugs on earl's farm

A farm manager on Earl Waldegrave's estate at Chewton Mendip. Somersel, grew £75,000 worth of the strongest cannabis ever seized by police. Bristol Crown Court was told yesterday. John Lucksted cultivated 1.000 plants on land belonging to the earl, older brother of William Waldegrave. the Treasury Chief Secretary. Mr Lucksted denies possession with intent to supply others but admits growing the plants for his own use, and five other charges. The trial continues.

Walsall Left fields four

Left-wing Labour rebels in Walsall, West Midlands, are fielding four candidates in next month's local elections. defying attempts by the party nationally to end the embarrassing civil war inside the local group. The decision by four wards who support the rebels to put up candidates threatens to split the Labour vote and could even open the way for the Conservatives to become the largest united party

Partner quit BBC deal

The Saudi-owned partner in the BBC Arabic Television channel said yesterday that it "unilaterally terminated" its contract because of the Panorama programme about Saudi Arabia broadcast last week. Orbit Communications said the programme was a "sneering and racist attack on Islamic law and culture". Orbit, which transmitted BBC Arabic Television to the Middle East, is owned by a group chaired by Prince Khalid bin Abdullah al-Saud, a cousin of King Fand.

Twins' murders linked

Police are treating as a double murder the deaths of identical twins found within days of each other in the Regent's Canal in Islington, north London, Medical tests carried out yesterday confirmed that Christopher Langford, 38, drowned after being heaten up. Police sources said that the killings were being linked because the head injuries matched those which killed his brother Anthony. They are believed to have died at the same time.

Invention eats oil spills

A foam that can greatly improve the cleaning of coastlines after an oil tanker spill has been developed by a team at the University of York. It contains millions of oil-eating bacteria and nutrients, allowing the bugs to flourish. The foam, which is easy to ship to a disaster site, also dramatically increases the surface area of oil that comes under bacterial attack. The foam was tested during the recent Sea Empress disaster off

David Howell, right, said EU states were obsessed. but Sir Leon Brittan denied suggestions of a rift

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Labour offers plan to defuse **Ulster marches**

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WATT

AN INDEPENDENT commission to advise the police on whether sensitive marches should be rerouted or banned is being proposed by the Labour leadership as a way of defusing tensions in Northern Ireland as the marching season gets under way.

A committee of experts who would consult community groups, the churches, marching organisations and the police is seen as a means of preventing the Royal Ulster Constabulary from being dragged into political controversy. The idea was put forward yesterday after a night of bloody clashes between police and loyalist demonstrators sparked fears of an escalation of violence which could threaten the peace process.

Ronnie Flanagan, the Deputy Chief Constable of the RUC. called on nationalists and unionists to compromise to avoid a repetition of the disturbances in Belfast. As seven men appeared in court charged in connection with the riot. Mr Flanagan appealed for common sense from the organisers of loyalist parades and from nationalists threatening counter demonstra-

tions. He said: When people organise processions and protests, although they are not themselves responsible for the disorder, they have to realise the possible outcome of their

Labour's proposed committee would report to the RUC, which would have the final say. The party believes its verdicts would have wider public support if they were shown to have been taken after consulting wider inter-

Only the Northern Ireland Secretary can ban marches, but he or she would do so after listening to police advice. Marjorie Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, said last night that the microcosm of the problems of Northern Ireland*.

She said: "A small indepen-

dent body of advisers would give the RUC's decisions a strong moral authority and could help to ease a difficult position.

Mr Flanagan said that disputes during the marching season could not be resolved by the police alone and were a problem for society to tackle.

The violence broke out on the Ormeau Road, south Belfast, where police had banned a parade by the Apprentice Boys. Most of the 3000 parades during the marching season, which lasts until the end of August, will pass off peacefully. However, police will be working hard over the coming weeks to avoid violence at other flushpoints.

David Ervine, leader of the Progressive Union Party, the political wing of the Ulster Volunteer Force, said yesterday that the riot on Monday was "a spark" which could plunge Northern Ireland back into another 25 years of terrorism. Marryn Smith, the Ulster Unionist MP for South Belfast

and grandmaster of the Orange Order, accused police of making a "fatal mistake" in rerouting Monday's parade. Labour is also calling on the Government to rebuild confi-

dence in the peace process by publishing swiftly the ground rules for the inter-party negoti-Northern Ireland. With the Commons prepar-

ing to rush through later this month the legislation paving elections. Labour is concerned that lack of details about the role of the new peace forum and the way the negotiations will be conducted is standing in the way of progress.

Although the signs are increasingly pointing to the par-Social Democratic and Labour party and Sinn Fein. Labour is anxious that the Government stresses to the nationalist community that the new forum will not become a hindrance to the negotiations due to start on June 10.



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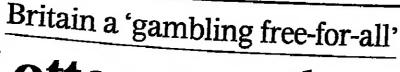
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Ignacio Contreras, the Spanish detective searching for Holden, said: "I can't say I was sorry to hear of this man's demise. He was a timebomb. Wherever we pursued our inquiries, Holden spelt death and violence. Thank God he pressed the self-destruct button." He added: "He was a psychopath and an alcoholic. Drink brought out the killer

Holden killed himself with a



Lottery regulator accused of failing to protect young

By Dominic Kennedy, Andrew Pierce and Stewart Tendler

THE National Lottery regulator has failed to perform his basic duty, to curb the worst gambling excesses of addicts and children, according to a report on the first year.

The independent Directory of Social Change, which pro-vides research for voluntary organisations, says of Peter Davis: "He cannot help reminding us of a predecessor at the start of the last century, of whom a Select Committee reported: Mr Wood, the Inspector of Lotteries, has performed no duties; and he has declared to your Committee that there do not appear to him to be any duties to perform:

Mr Davis is accused of failing to commission research to find out whether vulnerable people are buying scratchcards and are becoming addicted to them. He is also said to have done little to stop under los illegally buying tickets for the weekly draw.

"He is required not to

license any game which will encourage persons to participate excessively in such loneries'. It is hard to see how he could meet this responsibility unless he arranged to find out whether such excessive partieipation was taking place, " say the authors of The National

THE unfortunate Mr Wood,

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There were no police, so the authorities relied on in-

formers to report illegal gam-bling. Tongues were loos-ened by a reward equal to a third of the fine imposed by

magistrates. The most eager

informants were wives sneak-

ing on their husbands.

The first national lottery

was in 1596 to repair the Cinque Ports. The last, be-

fore last year, was in 1826.

. A Select Committee in 1808

lotteries, "idleness, dissipa-tion and poverty are in-

creased, the most sacred and

confidential of trusts are be-

reported that as a result of

ground bookmakers.

the Govern

Official tickets were shunned by many gamblers

Betting fever led

wives to tell tales

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

perpetrators of the

itself is produced."



Davis: said research by Oflot was continuing

Lottery Yearbook, published today with financial assistance from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. They add: "The Director of OFLOT has said: 'I will not tolerate the sale of lottery tickets to under 16s'. but it appears that he is tolerating just that."

Camelot, the police and trading standards officers are currently arguing over who is responsible for investigating rogue traders who sell to children. A meeting of chief constables today is expected to agree that the police will not waste expensive manpower

The Liberal Democrats,

especially by young people."
The Tory MP Sir Rhodes trayed, domestic comfort is destroyed, madness often created, crimes subjecting the punishment of death are committed, and even suicide Everybody was suspected of involvement in the scam,

including officials, but no evidence was produced to show that Mr Wood was a they are addictive. But I have no answers as to how they can conspirator. Punishments inbe regulated." ciuded sending "rogues and vagabonds" to a House of Penal Servitude for six months, or unfil the draw was over. Between committal and

trial, witnesses were tampered with or disappeared. There were doubts about the economic logic of the lotteries, since the cost of arish relief rose to cover families impoverished by speculation. "No mode of raising money appears 50 burthensome, so pernicious, and so unproductive," the

Select Committee reported.

Thief who shot himself

tively trivial offence of selling lottery slips and cards to children. Instead they will pass information to Camelot. The report says: "Britain is

now moving towards a gam-bling free-for-all which is unlikely to end without tears. In particular the much-criticised scratchcards, though turning out to be unnecessary to the success of the lottery, have spawned an unpleasant 'scratchcard culture' alongside the more acceptable weekly draw." Scratchcards are compared with hard gambling. Although sales of Camelot cards are declining, the au-thors believe that is due to the success of competitors,

Mr Davis said OFLOT had conducted research using four organisations and was paying for more on attitudes and children. "Most major national loneries around the world combine on-line and instant (scratchcard) games," he said. There is no evidence that scratchcards have caused excess participation or damaging social effects in the UK. Early indications are that average levels of spending are not dissimilar to those on the weekly draw game" - £2.63 per player per week.

Mr Davis resisted pressure to resign last year when it emerged he had taken free flights on a private jet and helicopter owned by GTech, an American partner of Camelot, and stayed with one of its

who passed a resolution at their last party conference to abolish the scratchard, agreed with the broad thrust of the charity's report, edited by Luke Fitzherbert. A spokeswoman said: "Research on scratchcards is virtually impossible because of the difficulties of monitoring their sales. We stand by our pledge to abolish them. They are addictive and open to abuse,

Boyson was concerned about the effects of scratchcards. "It DICUIT TO detect the true age of young people. While an under-age drinker is unlikely to kill themselves in one day, an under-age scratchcard player could bankrupt a family. There is a real fear that

Dr Lewis Moonie, a Labour heritage spokesman, urged the Government to commission urgent social research into the impact of the lottery. He also argued that it was premature to heap scorn on

scratchcards. Dr Moonie said: "It is obligatory on Government to see that proper social research is conducted into the effects of the lottery. It should already have been done. I do not blame the regulator for the absence of proper research. I blame the Government."

Detective Superintendent Geoffrey Walker said that

Holden had used false pass-

ports to travel the world,

visiting the Philippines, Thailand, the Gulf and Europe. He

said: "Holden is a bigamist

who already has many wives,

whom we wish to trace. We

believe there could be more

Mr Walker said that Hold-

en was known to have wives in

Derby, Rhyl, his home town of

Doncaster and Bridlington,

and had at least two children in their 20s. He said: "He had

gone through a form of mar-

riage with several women but

relatively little is known of his

background."

hiding in the woodwork."



Staff preparing one of the mummies yesterday for display in the museum

Wraps to come off museum mummies

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ONE of Britain's best collections of Egyptian mummies, which have been gathering dust for decades in the vaults of the National Museum of Scotland, are to go on display for the first time after DNA testing to discover their medical secrets.

The mummies, up to 4,000 years old and including three rare child mummies, will be examined over the next three days by a team of doctors, dentists and pathologists in what archaeologists believe will give the best understanding of Egyptian mummics to date. The public will be able to watch a number of the tests being performed.

Only two of the 11 mum-mies, which have been in the museum's collection since 1912, have been displayed publicly before. The museum yesterday launched a fouryear research project into the mummies, which will be used as the basis of a new gallery

of Egyptology.

The mummy collection at the National Museum in Edinburgh is of international importance. Two will soon go on loan to the British Museum and then on to the Louvre. Of particular significance are two three-year-old children, believed to be twins, who were interred in a dou-ble coffin. Twin burials were rare in ancient Egypt and the DNA testing hopes to establish whether they died at the



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was double murderer BY PAUL WILKINSON that people were not killed by him last Thursday. If he had AND STEWART TENDLER decided to open up, there could have been another A GUNMAN who shot him-Dunblane and there was no reason why he should not have done - he had nothing to lose," he said.

self after a failed gems raid was a psychopathic killer who the murders of two Britons in Spain and Portugal, police John William Holden was

also a suspected bigamist with at least four wives in this country and others overseas. Known in the underworld as Big John, he was wanted on : two Interpol warrants and sought in Britain for fleeing an armed robbery trial six years

Portuguese police were hunting him for the death of Andrew Bonsier in October 1993 on the Algarve. Spanish police wanted him for the murder last July at Fuengirola of Gerald McDonald, 34, a Scotsman.

Yesterday Chief Inspector

Holden: police want his wives to come forward

single round to the head last week after escaping from a jewellery shop in Hull when the owner raised the alarm. He was carrying an automatic handgun and 40 rounds of ammunition as well as a CS gas canister and a two-way radio. Unarmed police cornered him in the car park of a toy store after a chase in which he shot at pursuing officers.

Yesterday Michael Speakman, Assistant Chief Constable of Humberside Police, said: "Why he shot himself is a matter for the coroner. But I can certainly speculate it was to avoid a hefty prison sentence.

Last night the father of the man Holden murdered in the Algarve said Holden's suicide had robbed his family of the revenge they desperately

Michael Bonsier, of Kenley, south London, said Andrew, his son, had been shot simply because he refused to give Holden information about security systems used by Group Four, his former We are extremely lucky employer.

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Serious Fraud Office investigates 'own a bird' scheme that promised rich returns

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Collapse of ostrich firm leaves investors in limbo

By Robert Miller, Karen Zagor and MICHAEL HORNSBY

THE Serious Fraud Office will launch an official investigation this week into the multimillion-pound collapse of the Ostrich Farming Corporation amid mounting concern from thousands of investors who thought they were backing the latest fashionable investment.

People were persuaded to invest in the corporation, which used the funds to buy ostriches. In the past few months the birds have become very marketable hecause their meat has been seen as a healthy alternative to beef. It is now sold in Harrods and some Asda stores. Many schools have taken beef off their menus and are experimenting with ostrich burgers. Ostrich feathers sell for up to £400 per pound and can be used for theatrical costumes and non-static dusters while the hide is used for handbags.

Investing in ostriches has captured the public imagination. The corporation's birds are kept at several locations in Belgium and the company said investors were buying their very own bird which would be identified by an electronic device. However, the SFO investigation is expected to centre on concerns that some of the ostriches were in fact owned by a number of . investors rather than one. The firm has strongly denied any



Ostrich meat was seen as a healthy alternative to beef. Some schools are serving ostrich burgers

ing into promises of exception-

al investment profits in the

company's advertising. The

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Board, the chief City regula-tor, also investigated the firm

but handed its findings on to

the DTI. The board, was

particularly concerned over

claims of a so-called guaran-

teed annual return of more

than 50 per cent over five

The senior City watchdog concluded that ostriches, like

other animals, are not regar-

ded as investments by the

board. This means that com-

panies promoting such

the official Investors Compen-

sation Scheme in the event

that the firm crashes. People

who have put their money into

wrongdoing. An SFO team of senior laywers, police officers and forensic accountants are studying files relating to the firm, which were handed over at a meeting last week with officials from the Department of Trade and Industry.

Last Wednesday the department went to the High Court to ask for the firm to be wound up. The Official Receiver. whose job is "to protect and preserve the assets and financial records of the company", was appointed provisional liquidator until a full winding-up petition is heard on or before May 8.

The firm has been the target of a number of unrelated investigations by consumer watchdogs. The Advertising Standards Authority is look-

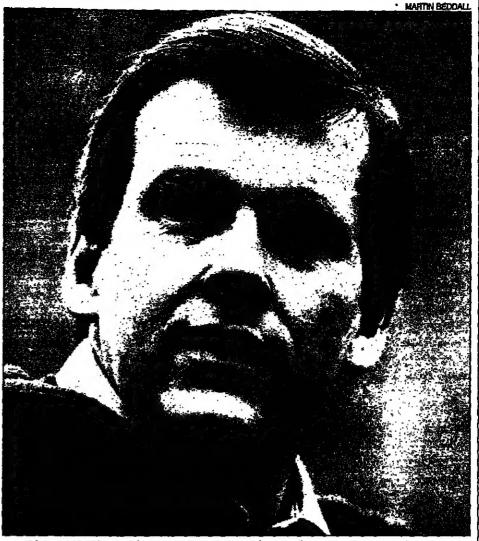
compensation scheme. The firm's headquarters are in Mansfield, Nottingham, although the ostriches are allegedly kept at several farms in Belgium. Richard Wall, an investor from North Yorkshire, said: "It's all very well having guarantees that we own the birds, but that's only worth the paper it's written on." Another

investor, Gary Holloway added: "I am worried sick." Justin Urquhart Stewart, a director of Barclays Stockbro-kers, examined claims made by the firm. He said: "I went through the return on invest-

ment figures that they produce and I could not agree their calculations based on industry standard figures on any occasion and I found this to be grossly misleading."
Mr Wall said he had been reassured by Brian Ketchell, the firm's managing director,

that the birds were being well looked after. "Brian rang me, which backs my view that the guy isn't a villain. He just rang to say that everything is fine and that they will be reporting back to the owners when they can. But there is a limit to what they can say with the Receiver there."

Mr Ketchell's business acu men was under question in 1991 after Video Magic, a company that he ran, went into administration. There has



Richard Wall says his guarantees are worth only the paper they're written on the first stage of what was to

also been concern about his links with the Alchemy pyramid-selling scheme which was closed down by the DTI. He also employed Kevin Jones. Alchemy's former head, to market the ostrich firm.

have been a £42,000 invest-ment said he wanted to preserve his anonymity. feeling foolish. My broker rang to rub the salt in today. When I first heard about it, I An investor who spent £20,000 to buy three birds in thought it was too good to be true, but the company was

plausible - the investment was supposedly protected because the birds are held in Belgium, believe the Official Receiver has been over in Belgium counting the birds, and there is some concern that the company allocated birds to

Bermuda banker is accused of £1.8m theft

By Stephen Farrell

A BRITISH banker has been arrested in Bermuda and charged with stealing ELS million from the island's second largest bank. David Diggins. 49, was arrested at Bermuda International Airport as he flew back from holiday in

Britain. Mr Diggins, senior manager of international credit and foreign loans at the Bank of Butterfield, appeared before Will Francis, Bermuda's senior magistrate, charged with stealing US\$2,812,000 and inducing a woman to deliver the money by pretending to have authorisation. He is also charged with falsifying a document with intent to defraud.

£40,000 bail and £80,000 sureties from friends. His passport was confiscated and he must report to a police station each

Mr Diggins, from Hertfordshire, has not entered a formal plea but Julian Hall, his attorney, said he would "most certainly be denying" the charges. Mr Diggins, who is married with two children. arrived in Bermuda in September 1992. If convicted in the Supreme Court, he faces up to

five years in jail.

Mr Hall added: "Quite frankly my client is mystified that the matter has gone this far this quickly, with so much damage to his reputation. The bank said that Mr Diggins was arrested after an internal investigation.

Ski victim was off-piste in treacherous resort

A BRITISH skier who died after falling nearly 900ft in the sportswoman who lived life to the full, neighbours said

Ceiwen Faulkner, 32. slipped as a guide was taking her and her husband Peter with three other skiers down a treacherous mountain path. They had been skiing off-piste at 6.800ft near the resort of La

The stretch where she fell was extremely steep and bad become icy after the snow had melted. "Every season we have several bad accidents up there. It is inevitable. Thick snow gives way to ice and unexpected drops. Even in good weather skiers are putting themselves at great a mountain rescue worker in La Grave said

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Antoine Sullivan, a neighbour of the Faulkners in

Highbury, north London, described them as a very friendly and happy couple. They were wonderful people, very active and sporty. They were always off on some holiday or another; skiing. scuba diving and tennis," he

Mrs Faulkner's family arrived in La Grave yesterday morning to comfort her husband at the Edelweiss Hotel, where the couple had stayed before. They were expected back in Britain last night.

The French police have opened an inquiry into the agrident after being notified of Mrs Faulkner's death in the accident on Monday.

La Grave is regarded as a dangerous resort and skiers are advised to take a guide. There are no safety nets above. its many crevasses and no marked pistes or safety pa-

"It is an inhospitable place and has a reputation for being particularly dangerous," David

Great Britain said. The club recommends that skiers carry avalanche transceivers when skiing in La Grave. The small radio devices emit a continuous signal that helps to locate avalanche victims.

In January a member of the club died in La Grave after being caught in an avalanche. Monty Montague, 38, was an experienced skier and had been skiing with a French friend when treacherous conditions closed in. The dangers of La Grave

were highlighted last year when a round-the-world ski Wilson had just achieved their ambition of traveiling around the world skiing on every day for a year. They had travelled to 13 countries and covered 110,000 miles in 237 resorts without a serious injury. But French-born Miss Dicker, 41, died after falling on ice and

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Bargain hunters boost supermarket sales of sirloin

AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BEEF sales are rising as fears of catching Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease subside, traders said yesterday.

in Brussels today, European Union veterinary experts may ap-prove a partial lifting of the global ban on British beef products, an EU spokesman said. The move is expected to be limited to declaring beef-derived gelatine safe.

The main impetus to the retail market in Britain has come from a surge in supermarket sales of cutprice beef. The wholesale trade

remains more sluggish because of large stocks of unsaleable beef overhanging the market. Asda reported the most pro-

nounced evidence of returning consumer confidence, with sales running at 50 per cent above normal during a week-long promotion of prime cuts of beef at onethird off the usual price. "We have been surprised by the strength of demand, especially for prime joints and steaks," a spokesman said. "Sales of sausages and mince, which many people associate with BSE [bovine spongiform encephalopathyl, have been much slower.

from sirloin steak which is still selling at about a third off. Obviously, we do not expect sales to continue at the level of the past week, but we feel strongly that confidence is returning. Customers seem to be reassured by our guar-antees that all our beef comes from animals under 30 months of age." Under a deal struck with other European Union countries in Lux-

animals older than 30 months.

Hardly any animals younger than

this have ever developed BSE,

Gelatine, used in a variety or products, was affected by the total han on British beef exports im-posed by the EU last month. Aspects of that ban are to be considered by the EU's Scientific Veterinary Committee. The World Health Organisation insists that gelatine poses no risk to humans. The British Government will plead for an easing of the emergency measures. There is no question of the ban being lifted entirely, at embourg last week, no meat can be sold for human consumption from

which has been linked to ted detailed plans for a selective being held in abattoir chiller-rooms.

Creutzfeldt-lakob disease. slaughter policy, as he has agreed and warehouses both here and slaughter policy, as he has agreed and warehouses both here and to do by the end of the month abroad and on shos at sea because

Sainsbury yesterday reported sales running at about 80 per cent the Health Secretary, disclosed evidence of a possible link between mad cow disease and CJD.

the moment we are not even

bothering to quote prices." About

31,500 tonnes, worth £79 million, is

of what they were before March 20. the date on which Stephen Dorrell. However, at the Smithfield wholesale market. Tony Riley, of the superintendent's office, said: "Beef sales are still so low that at

there is now no market for it. according to a survey by the Meat and Livestock Commission German politicians have de-

manded an end to Britain's rebate on contributions to the European. Union, in view of the EU aid that London is receiving to compensate for the destruction of cattle over 30 months old. This rebate can no longer be justified," the European policy spokeswoman of the opposition Social Democrat Party, Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, said yester-

Social Union Finance Minister of Bavaria, had earlier complained that Germans were being asked to pay for a disaster which the British Government had partly brought

A West Midlands slaughterman is selling horsemeat steaks at bargain prices. Bob Walker claimed to have sold 300lb of horse flesh to some 30 buyers yesterday. in a precinct in Smethwick, "It is very good value," he said, at the shop he has named Cheval Butchers. "I am selling the best cuts at no more than 80p a lb."

Princess's fake kiss advert is censured

By A STAFF REPORTER

A COMPLAINT on behalf of the Queen about a faked photograph of the Princess of Wales kissing Paul Gas-coigne has been upheld by the Advertising Standards

The picture, based on the wedding day kiss between the Princess and her husband on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, was used in newspaper advertising for the cable channel Live TV. The advertisement, for the programme Live Predictions. was headlined "Who knows what the future holds?" Gascoigne was wearing a crazy

Yesterday's report from the authority said that Charles Anson, the Queen's press secretary, complained that the advertisement was distasteful. He also objected to its use without permission from the Lord Chamberlain.

Kelvin MacKenzie, managing director of Live TV and former Editor of The Sun, said: This image was simply a piece of fun. I have no intention of withdrawing the advert. It is no longer right that they (the Royal Family) should be protected by this sort of arcane behaviour."

The report says: "The advertisers argued that, because the wedding photograph had been in the public domain for 15 years, their use of it was not an invasion of privacy. They believed the approach was humorous and not offensive.

"The authority agreed that the approach was not offen-sive but nevertheless reminded the advertisers that references to members of the Royal Family in advertisemitted; advertisers should consult the Lord Chamber-

lain's Office." Buckingham Palace said yesterday that it complained only rarely about misuse of Union fears scheme may endanger primary staff and standards

least not before Douglas Hogg, the

Agriculture Minister, has submit-



Doug McAvoy yesterday, criticising delegates for rejecting reform of the union

Teachers threaten to strike if nursery vouchers cost jobs

By John O'Leary, education editor

NURSERY teachers may be called out on strike if the Government's voucher scheme leads to cuts in their schools, the National Union of Teachers decided yesterday.

The conference gave unopposed backing to a motion threatening strikes if teachers' Jobs are endangered or their working conditions worsened after the vouchers, are introduced. Trials of the £1,100 vouchers are to begin in Norfolk and three London boroughs next week, and the scheme is due to go national next year.

Doug McAvoy, the union's general secretary, said the low alue of the voucher could force nurseries and primary schools into economies, Industrial action could filter through

to whole primary schools.
"Some local authorities might not be able to continue with not be able to continue with nursery provision for three-year-olds, as well as possibly losing four-year-old nursery pupils," he said. "Job losses could be anywhere in a school. If it loses nursery places it could mean a school no longer being able to support the salaries of its primary

Anita Wright, from Wands-

worth, one of the London have to justify ignoring the boroughs piloting the scheme, views of members, who had boroughs piloting the scheme, said: "Vouchers are a tax concession to middle-class families who want private education. We also know they are there to motivate big business to build private nurseries and make a profit from something that should be pro-vided free by the Government."

Linda Taaffe, from Waltham Forest, east London, said the voucher system had to be stopped quickly. The philoso-phy of the market is gradually creeping into schools. We are getting real privatisation."

Mr McAvoy later rounded on militant teachers who on Monday had thrown out reforms designed to give ordinary members more say in the union's affairs. The general secretary predicted that the reforms, which would require conference decisions to be confirmed by membership ballots, would soon be adopted by the union.

This vote is not a rebuff of me or my views. The voice of the members will be heard and they will insist that their union listens to their views,"

After the conference Mr McAvoy said delegates would

Orchard: wants changes Legal aid chief seeks voted overwhelmingly in facrackdown your of the reforms. "I do not believe the executive will want to keep from members of the on fraud

BY FRANCES GIBB

MOVES to reduce fraudulent claims for legal aid, including wider powers to prosecute people who lie about their means, are being sought. At present, prosecutions are rare and usually lead to cautions. · Significant levels of abuse of the civil legal aid scheme, which now costs £601 million a year - more than half the

legal aid bill - were disclosed in a report last month by the National Audit Office. It found that some 11,000 allegations about legal aid being wrongly granted were made in 1994-95 in what is becoming a litigation tactic by one party. against another.

The Benefits Office, which deals with legal aid claims. 🔊 investigated 8.700 allegations and confirmed 28 per cent of them. A further ZB per cent were abandoned because people did not co-operate and legal aid was revoked.

Steve Orchard, chief executive of the Legal Aid Board, said it hoped prosecutions could be brought under a wider range of provisions in the Legal Aid Act 1988. It is also planning to use a £10 million computer to cross-refer applications to see if anyone has previously applied falsely. "We will have all our information on one database, both on individual applicants for legal aid, and also on solicitors and the outcomes of their cases." Mr Orchard said.

Maggots from infested pigeons fell on pupils' heads

MAGGOTS fell on to the heads of children from the dilapidated ceiling of a Bedfordshire school, the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers

was told yesterday.

union's annual conference in Glas-gow was told. Ray Mellor, a health ted roof had allowed pigeons to get said its circular, which would replace integrating disruptive children into and safety officer for the union in Bedfordshire, said the case highlighted the need for rigorous legal standards for school buildings. The conference resolved unanimously to campaign for the reinstatement of the School Premises Regulations, which were repealed by the Govern-

Mr Mellor told the conference: Live maggots were falling from the

escape so they died and the blue-bottles did their worst."

He added: "We were able to quote

the School Buildings Regulations to the local authority and the school to bring about repairs. Now we could not. The regulations said the roof space had to be waterproof and it was not. Nor should the ceiling have had holes in it." However, the Depart-

retained a requirement for the health and safety of pupils to be "reasonably assured". School buildings will still have to "provide reasonable resis-

tance" to rain, snow, wind and damp. The conference also heard yesterday that violent and emotionally disturbed pupils should be segregated more strictly to raise standards in education. Nigel de Gruchy, the

into the roof space. They couldn't the regulations from September, mainstream classes was creating havoc in schools. Mr de Gruchy said: "We have

union the decisions that were

taken in their name. It is quite possible that the union will

issue to members the break-

Will Reese, convener of the

Socialist Teachers Alliance,

the leading far-Left group at

the conference was unrepen-

tant. "The alliance has always

been in favour of encouraging the active involvement of all

members in the affairs of the

union, and we look forward to

constructive dialogue as to

In his speech to delegates,

Mr McAvoy said that the union would have to be more

flexible if it was to be taken seriously by a future govern-ment. "If we appear obdurate

and devoid of any willingness to consider new ideas, then we

will forfeit any right to influ-

ence the actions of the next

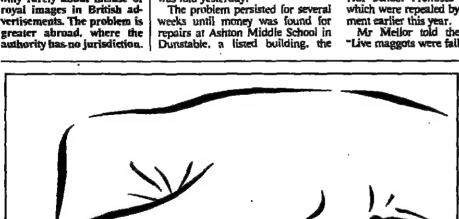
Mr McAvoy said the great-

est single advance for teachers would be the establishment of

how this can be achieved."

down of voting."

cases where we authorise our members not to teach children arriving for their first day in nursery school because they are swearing and kicking teachers." He said schools spent too long trying to redress social problems when they should be concentrating on education.



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Wife escapes ban over spiked drinks

A WOMAN who admitted driving while over the alcohol limit was given a conditional discharge yesterday after magistrates were told that her estranged husband had

spiked her soft drink. Michaela Kerr thought she had been drinking bitter lemon when she went to fetch a late-night snack for her son. But her husband Donald, who had put alcoholic lemonade in her drink, called the police after she set off without lights.

Yesterday Mrs Kerr. a 27-year-old hairdresser from Newton Abbot, Devon, who admitted being twice over the limit, was spared a driving ban or penalty points after magistrates in the town were told that two glasses of cider which she admitted drinking earlier in the evening would

not have put her over the limit. Anthony Goddard, for Mrs Kerr, said: The police had been tipped off by what I would say was the husband from hell. She did not know she had been drinking."

Dr Jill Diprose, the magis-trate, told her: "Given the fraught domestic situation you were in we believe you did not know or suspect the drink had

At a previous hearing Mrs Kerr told how she had a series of rows with her husband. Mr Kerr, 30, said: "I saw her go out without lights and with the child in the car. I tried to stop her but she went on so I phoned the police."

Chief constables will today

debate giving breath tests to every driver involved in an accident attended by police.

DUNBLANE PUBLIC INQUIRY

NOTICE OF

PRELIMINARY HEARING

The Hon. Lord Cullen, a Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland, who

Inquiry under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921 relating to the incident at Dunblane Primary School on 13 March 1996 which resulted in the

I May 1996 within the Albert Halls, Albert Place, Dumbarton Road, Stirling.

Lord Cullen may authorise the representation at the Inquiry of those who appear

representative. It will also be helpful if they would make their intentions known

to the clerk to the Inquiry, Mrs Glynis McKeand, at Parliament House, Edinburgh

The purpose of the hearing is to deal with matters of representation and procedure in advance of the full Inquiry at which evidence will be heard. The full Inquiry will be held in the Albert Halls, starting on a date to be later announced.

has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland to conduct an

deaths of 18 people, will hold a preliminary hearing at 10.30 am on

to him to be interested persons. Accordingly, all those who seek such

authorisation should attend the hearing, either personally or by a legal

EH1 IRQ (Tel: 0131 225 2595; Fax: 0131 220 5460) by 24 April 1996.

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Visitors flock to historic sets of Austen film

THE film Sense and Sensi-bility caused a surge in Easter visitors to National Trust properties used for the production (Kate Alderson Saltram House in Devon,

which portrays the Dash-wood family home, where ter lived, had to introduce a timed-ticket system for the first time. The George II mansion attracted 500 visi-tors on Good Friday, twice last year's figure. Numbers Easter Day and Monday, to

about 650 people. Mompesson House in Wiltshire, the setting for Mrs Jennings's London town house, recorded a 15 per cent rise during the first ten days since reopening.

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Prognosis for injured footballer whose leg is his livelihood



David Busst leaving the pitch on Monday

THE graphic picture in The Times of the tackle that snapped David Busst's tibia and fibula and left the lower third of his leg hanging limply with the bones protruding showed that even the legs of a Premiership defend-er are vulnerable to an unfortunate combination of stresses and strains. The nature of the forces involved in a collision determines the pattern of any resultant fracture. Mr Busst's fracture is des-

cribed as compound, the tech-

nical term for an open

fracture in which the broken

ends of the bones have pene-

trated through the soft tissue,

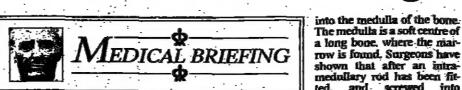
the muscle and the skin, and

are left exposed to the air and

lower third of the leg than any other bones in the body.

The amount of pain felt by the victim is often intense, but is sometimes, surprisingly, not as great as expected, as the body produces its own opium-type drug, the endor-phines, when injury is associated with drama and excitement. Years ago I was called to a road accident in Norfolk in which a farm worker had been thrown from his car. The bones of his leg were not only protruding through the skin but had also gone through his high, hobnailed boots. As I loaded my syringe with a hefty dose of morphia

monly affect the bones of the



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

that, I hardly feel anything." The treatment of fractores of the lower third of the leg has changed over the past 30 years. Earlier many fractures. of the shaft of the tibia were treated conservatively: the fracture was reduced so that the bones were well aligned, the leg was put in plaster and a prayer was offered that the

often union did not occur and, if it did, it was only after months of immobilisation. Later it was found that faster union was achieved if plates and screws joined the broken ends of the bones and held them in position. Now the tendency is to resort to

internal fixation of the frac-

ture by using a rod inserted

position, the bones unite faster and the soft tissue heals nore readily. Injury to the soft tissue often involves the blood vessels too. Possible arterial damage is always an impor-tant factor to consider in serious fractures of the tibia and fibula, such as Mr Busst sustained. For this reason it has been recommended that victims of these fractures

should always be treated in a

unit where orthopaedic and

plastic surgeries can co-oper-

into the medulla of the bone. The medulla is a soft centre of

row is found. Surgeons have

shown that after an intra-

medullary rod has been fit-

ted, and screwed into

ate, as the blood supply to the limb has often to be repaired as well as the fracture fixed. In Mr Busst's case, as after

all severe fractures, there is always a worry that the bone ends will fail to join. Likewise there is a danger, however carefully the wound has been cleaned and non-viable tissue removed, of infection: embolism, too, is a hazard either from small clots of blood or from little pieces of fat from the medulla. These emboli can be carried to the lungs. The use of intra-medullary rods has increased the amount of fat emboli produced Fortunately, few of the emboli are large enough to cause the sort of trouble which recently afflicted one

blane shooting.

If all goes well, Mr Busst will be disabled for about six months. A footballer's legs are precision machinery and nobody can yet predict whether his leg will ever be as good as it was. As one surgeon said: "Most people would just be relieved that they didn't have to have an amputation, as often happened in the past, and can look forward to having a serviceable leg, but it's quite different for a footballer. His right leg is his livelihood and his criteria of a good result will be very different from other people's." defeat

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Future for Busst, page 48

Helpline opens to save doctors from drink and drugs

By DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE British Medical Associarion opened a 24-hour counsulling service yesterday to help doctors to deal with stress and discourage them from turning to drugs or alcohol.

Seven out of ten general practitioners and hospital doctors surveyed by the BMA said they had suffered from workrelated stress. Of those, 21 per cent had contemplated suicide and 4 per cent said they had misused drugs, probably tranquillisers or sleeping agents.

Nearly two out of five suffered a loss of libido, 70 per cent had trouble sleeping and nearly 35 per cent had physical ilinesses including migraine. back pain, irritable bowel syndrome and peptic ulcers.
Steve Hajioff, of the BMA

junior doctors' committee. said: "Clearly there is a significant sign of major psychiatric illness within the medical profession, which must be addressed by both employers and the Health Department as a matter of urgency.

Suicidally depressed doctors do not deliver a good service to patients and do not deliver an efficient service."

The survey of 800 doctors by the BMA magazine News Review disclosed a deeply unhap-

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py profession. Almost one in nine believed that patients had been encouraged to make unreasonable demands and the same proportion said the profession faced greater stress at work than five years ago. Two thirds welcomed the idea of a doctors' counselling

Of those who had suffered from stress. 91 per cent said it was caused by work pressure and 70 per cent believed it adversely affected their work.

One doctor blamed stress for a stroke which left him temporarily paralysed and unable to speak. Another, who appeared to be a hardworking competent professional, had spent £20,000 on therapy while continuing to work. He estimated he was working a 70-hour week after a 300 per cent increase in referrals to his child and family psychiatry practice.

Sandy Macara, chairman of the BMA, said: "A proper degree of stress is healthy and normal: without it many of us would not get out of bed in the morning. What concerns us is that the levels of stress that doctors have to face are excessive, and the causes are worry-

ing. It is intolerable for doctors

to be told which patients to give priority to on the basis of where the money is.

'Added to this is the irresponsible way the Government has heightened expectations of patients, which has led to the so-called complaints culture. It doesn't guarantee higher standards, but it is the best guarantee of demoralising and alienating those who are doing their best in difficult

Dr Macara blamed the Government's health reforms. "Almost 90 per cent of people perceived that their levels of stress were greater than five years ago. It is no coincidence that we are about to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the NHS reforms."

Mac Armstrong, secretary of the BMA, said of the high level of suicidal feelings: "This may be dramatic but doctors recognise suicidal thoughts as

part of depression. The General Medical Council issued guidelines in October 1995 encouraging doctors to blow the whistle on colleagues whose work might be affected by alcohol or drug abuse. Doctors should report colleagues to their employers



Cleared patients seek second HIV test

THOUSANDS of people who have had Aids tests contacted clinics and surgeries reopening yesterday after the Easter boliday to find out whether they could have been given the wrong results. Up to 20,000 people have been tested for HIV with one type of kit which has occasionally shown negative for people known to

Aids charities brought in extra staff over the weekend to deal with worried callers. Susie Parsons, executive direc-

tor of London Lighthouse, said its helpline took more than 6,000 calk.

The Terrence Higgins Trust said people should still have confidence in HIV testing techniques despite the discovery of a flaw in one type of kit. Nick Partridge, the chief executive, said: The system is reliable and this incidence of error involves only a small number of people who have tested in a particular way and shown as negative

been using the testing kit, made by Abbott Laboratories of Chicago, over the past six months. About two million kits were sold before the company withdrew them.

The Department of Health has estimated that 20,000 Abbott tests were carried out in Britain between September 27 and the end of March. A spokeswoman for the Public Health Laboratory Service said only two errors

Medicinal gum patch delivers a quick cure

By Nigel Hawkes

INSTEAD of swallowing pills, patients may soon be sticking them to the gum behind their top lip. The "Post-It Pill" delivers drugs directly to the bloodstream more efficiently than a skin patch, more easily than an injection and more reliably than swallowing.

A specially developed glue sticks a parch the size of a small tablet to the upper gum. Remaining in place for up to 24 hours, it delivers a steady supply of the active agent to the bloodstream in a pattern closer to the body's own rhythms. The patient can remove it any any time, stopping the treatment.

So far the patch, called Cydot and developed by 3M Pharmaceuticals, has been tested with three drugs: melatonin to aid sleep in the elderly; buprenorphine for pain relief; and heparin, an anti-coagulant given to pa-tients after blood loss.

The trials have shown that the patches can be worn without discomfort, and do not interfere with eating. drinking or sleeping 3M Pharmaceuticals is working with a number of international pharmaceutical companies to develop new applications

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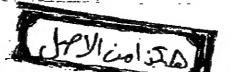
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Clarke's prediction of breakthrough in Staffordshire is undermined by missing 'feel-good' factor

Tories ready to hail defeat by 5,000 votes as election success

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Tories are backing away from Kenneth Clarke's confident forecast of victory in tomorrow's Staffordshire South East by-election and preparing to claim success if the party is defeated by only

Tory strategists admit privately that victory is slipping away from them but emphasise that a marginal defeat would indicate public opposition to the Government is falling. After a string of byelection defears with swings against them of up to 30 per cent, campaigners believe that a swing of 10 per cent can be portrayed as a springboard from which to fight back at the general election.

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Tony Blair dismissed the Tory strategy as cynical last night. The Labour leader's senior aides claimed that the

ing to dress up defeat as victory. In a seat with a 7,192 Tory majority, Conservatives have fought a higher profile campaign than in by-elections in which they have been routed over the past seven years. While campaigners insist that victory is conceivable if wavering Tories vote, they fear that the stay-at-home

factor among the disaffected

is likely to be critical. The eve-of-poll mood contrasts with the Chancellor's bullish claims in the constituency last week that Jimmy James, the Tory candidate, was heading towards victory. Mr Clarke said: "I think Jimmy Jumes should be the first beneficiary of the 'feel-good' factor coming back into the Midlands now.

Both main parties recognise that, even if the Tories are nothing like the 20,694 margin that Labour secured in nearby Dudley West in 1994. But Labour leaders underline that the Staffordshire seat, centred on the expanding and relatively prosperous town of Tamworth, is a solidly Conservative constituency in which a Tory defeat would effectively

Commons majority of one. Mr Blair last night told a public meeting in Tamworth: A Labour win on Thursday will show there are no no-go areas for new Labour. The Tories know this. They are terrified of losing this sear. "If we win here, they will not

sound the death knell for a

Government reduced to a

be able to dismiss defeat as mid-term blues or a protest vote. They know that if we win here it will be the clearest sign vet that we are back as the party of the mainstream ma-



Fringe candidate Tony Samuelson, left, confronting Virginia Bottomley and Conservative candidate Jimmy James before being arrested

jority." At a separate public meeting, Michael Heseltine said a Labour government could ruin the prosperity cre-

ated by the Conservatives. On the fourth anniversary of his party's general election victory, the Deputy Prime Minister conceded that there

had been unpopular decisions in recent years, especially over raising taxes. They may at the time have been unpopular decisions. The Conservative Party is not by nature a taxraising party. But they were

the right decisions to ensure

finances effectively and prop-erly funded the public services that look after the old, the sick and the vulnerable."

A fringe candidate was arrested by police yesterday when he tried to address Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, as she visited

the constituency. Tony Samuelson, 66, standing for the "Where are you, Mrs Bottomicy? I want to speak to Daily Loonylugs Party, was you." He was later released without charge. held for breach of the peace at Drayton Manor Park.

Mr Samuelson, who op-

poses the Conservative Party

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bacco companies, shouted:

D. L. Lightbown (C) 29,180; B. Jenkins (Lab) 21,988; N. Penlington (Lib Dem) 5,540; ma-

Trust Labour, Blair to tell **US** investors

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Labour government will complete the unfinished agenda of Thatcherism, Tony Blair will tell bankers and businessmen in New York when he arrives in America later today on a three-day trip to raise his international profile.

Mr. Blair's visit, his first to Labour leader in July 1994, is intended both to strengthen his foreign policy credentials overseas investors that Labour has changed its attitude to business since the 1970s and

American Chamber of Commerce tomorrow. Mr Blair will argue that a Labour govemment would welcome international investment and would strongly oppose protectionist measures. His theme will be that there will be contimuity in policies towards business, as well as change to unprove long-term industrial performance.

Labour will seek to build on Thatcherism, not try to reverse it he will say. The Thatcher Governments did two things right, he will argue reviving a spirit of enterprise and creating a legal framework for the operations of trade unions, But they failed to reform welfare, to get government, and industry working together or to transform education, training and

Consequently, reform of welfare and of education and training would be priorities for a Labour government. Mr Blair will argue that a closer partnership between govern-ment and industry would not mean a return to the days of the corporate state and trade union influence over govern-

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ment policies. Mr Blair will argue that the healthiest relationship be-tween America and Britain is one where London has strong influence in Brussels and within the European Union.

In New York, Mr Blair will meet business and publishing leaders and make his main speech of the trip. In Washington he will meet President

other prominent Democrats and media stars. Some details of the programme may have to be revised in view of the funeral today of Ron Brown, the US Commerce Secretary, who was killed in a plane crash in Croatia last week Other funerals of those killed will be later in the week.

For the British audience the aim is to boost Mr Blair's international credibility. showing him addressing business audiences being feted by leading Demo-crats and on friendly terms with the American President. ever, also be concerned with tomorrow's by-election in Staffordshire South East, but Labour is confident that the impact of the trip will be enhanced rather than under-

mined by a big victory there.

Mr Blair has already become better known in America, through extensive advance publicity. After a profile of Mr Blair in The New Yorker earlier this year, there were interviews or profiles over last weekend in several newspapers and flattering profiles in People and Business Week magazines. Mr Blair is due to meet senior newspaper editors and be interviewed on network television.

The meeting with Mr Cumbin you Friday morning will largely be a courtesy, accorded to the main opposition leaders of all main opposition leaders of all Western democracies. The two were said by advisers to have got on well during their only lengthy talk in London, in late November when they discussed the intersects for centre left parties.

There is none of the anxiety on the Labour leader's side which preceded hold the visits to Washington by Neil Kin-nock. The first in March 1987, was a public relations disaster as the Reagane White House treated him brusquely. In July 1990 elaborate precautions were taken to ensure that the visit to President Bush went smoothly, if blandly.

PETER RIDDELL



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Ayckbourn stages a dream come true in house of cards

Scarborough's £5.2 million theatre has been 30 years in the making. Paul Wilkinson met the playwright who was determined to fulfil the ultimate ambition of his dying mentor

ALAN AYCKBOURN vividly remembers the time 30 years ago when he sat at the bedside of his dying mentor Stephen Joseph, cutting up pieces of card to shape their dream theatre.

This month the dream becomes reality when the playwright opens the Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough. The £5.2 million project in the North Yorkshire resort is the high point of an unlikely connection between the town and the stage which began in the 1950s when Joseph, a theatre iconoclast, introduced holidaymakers to what was then an avant garde notion of putting the stage in the centre of the audience. What began as an auditorium in a flock wallpapered concert half above the town library has evolved into a state-of-the-art complex.

"Stephen would be thrilled by all this." said Ayckbourn as techni-cians scurried about the converted 1930s art deco Odeon cinema. The building now contains a 400-seat in-the-round theatre and a 165-seat end stage which doubles as a cinema, as well as bars, a restau-rant, and a drama bookshop. Ayckbourn, who lives in Jo-

seph's magnificent old house over-

looking Scarborough Harbour, said: "He had an incredible influence on me but so few people know of him now. Young actors ask me who he was, yet he left this enormous legacy. There are open stages across the country as a result of this extraordinary man in a beanie hat, leather trousers and large boots, who was the scourge of the theatre establishment. He was hated by them. Ken Tynan loathed him. He presented a

"I remember letters Joseph wrote to the papers when he said everyone ought to be Communists, which was then the most awful word you could call anyone. He said he didn't want to play the National Anthem at the end of the show. After that act of blasphemy I was trembling with excitement but he was absolutely right."

Joseph. the son of the actress Hermione Gingold and the publisher Michael Joseph, was a charismatic figure whose enthusiasm infected everyone who met

His death from cancer in 1967, at the age 39, set in motion a chain of events which ensured his ideas came to fruition. Ayckbourn, who



for the BBC in Leeds, returned as artistic director and found a ready outlet for his burgeoning talents as a playwright. He said: "I inherited a theatre by default, and it was only later I realised I had fallen on my feet. I had this wonderful clear road to a writing career. There was

no middle man telling me it was not suitable."

It is now an unwritten rule that all his plays are premiered in Scarborough. In 1976, the theatre moved to larger premises in a converted school, but when Rank closed its town centre cinema in 1992 Ayckbourn realised the op-

portunity had arrived to assemble those pieces of card he and Joseph had so often shuffled.

"As far as I am concerned, this is our final resting place, not just for the rest of my time here but, if we make the right decisions, for future generations. The result is very dream of having it right."

The stage is hydraulically controlled so that it can be lowered to

below-auditorium level where preassembled sets can be pushed into lace. There is also the first lighting rig of its type in the country, where electricians can set lights from a mesh suspended over

Stephen Toseph

Alan Ayckbourn: "Our unlikely location is nice." The new theatre, above

the stage instead of swinging dangerously from ladders.
"It is such a simple thing," said Ayckbourn. "Everyone wants to come and see it. The whole Cottesloe team from the National booked a coach to come up. Ayckbourn has put £400,000 of his own money into the scheme. There has been a £1.5 million handout from the National Lottery and donations of pound coins from

local pensioners. Ayckbourn is not daunted by the isolation of Scarborough from the rest of the theatre world. "We used to be out on a limb, but I don't know any more. Our unlikely location is rather nice."

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Hi-fi potato | Attempt to tweeters on edge of new era in sound

BY NICK NUTTALL

GOLF tees, pens and parts of stereo systems will soon be made from potato, research-

ers said yesterday. British scientists have genetically engineered tubers to produce new types of starch that can be turned into environmentally friendly plastics. The research has also developed substances for thickening or texturing foods, including an alternative to gelatin, a subject of concern over BSE.

Dr Alison Smith, of the John Innes Centre in Norwich, whose research is funded by the Biotechnology and Biologi-cal Sciences Research Council. said yesterday: "One of these starches forms a strong gel when cooked and could substirute for gelatin.
"At the moment it is not

quite as gummy as jelly babies, but it is perfectly possible to make starch gels for

Dr Smith added: "Petroleum, from which plastics are made, comes from a finite resource. In contrast potatoes are a renewable resource. Starch-based plastics are also

in general biodegradable." The starches are expected to be on the North American market next year.

save pilot beset by problems

By A STAFF REPORTER

AIRLINE crew and medical staff fighting to save a captain who collapsed during a holiday flight ran into a series of problems, according to the official report on the incident. Roger Attenborough slumped unconscious as he prepared to land a 220-passenger Britannia Airways Boeing 757 at Malaga airport in southern Spain on January 28. His co-pilot managed to land the aircraft safely, but Captain Attenborough, a 54-year-old father of two, was declared

dead at a local hospital. An Air Accident Investigation Branch inquiry found that a nurse summoned from her passenger seat could not be strapped into the jump seat to attend to the captain, while the position of his seat made it impossible for her to get into

the left observer's seat. Having declared an emergency, the co-pilot could not land first time because the approach he was given triggered off a ground proximity warning system alert. When the plane was able to land, a waiting paramedic could not as the steps had not arrived. The report said the captain

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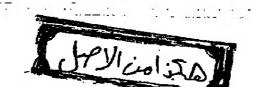
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Scientists believe galaxy could be full of unseen stars up to 60 times the size of Jupiter Brown dwarf find advances theory of missing mass

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE elusive brown dwarf, pursued by astronomers for decades, has been found living quietly on its own in the Milky

Too big to be a planet but too small to be a sun, the brown dwarf is the star that fails to glitter. But it could help to solve one of the great mysteries of cosmology if it proves to be abundant enough to account for the missing mass", which astronomers are certain exists in the universe but which they have been unable to identify.
At the National Astronomy

Meeting in Liverpool today, Dr Mike Hawkins of the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh will describe observations of six brown dwarfs. Four of the stars are within 150 light years of the Sun, which makes them local in astronomical terms. Unlike brown dwarfs that have been identified previously, they are not part of binary systems or clusters, but sit alone and palely loiter among the ordinary stars of the Milky

Brown dwarfs are objects that may be 60 times as big as the planet Jupiter, but only

one-fifteenth the mass of the Sun. They are too cool to set off the nuclear reactions that make the Sun and other stars of its type so hot and bright. Dr Hawkins and Dr Hugh

Jones of Liverpool John Moores University have stud-ied images taken by a British telescope in Australia and analysed in Edinburgh using Cosmos, a computerised system for studying images of the sky. They were looking for objects that appeared red, the signature of small, failed stars. Using the computer, they laid 100 images of the same area of sky on top of one another and the stars that had been invisible on the individual images slowly emerged. They red images could be seen moving against the back-ground of more distant stars. The fact that they are apparently moving gives the clue that they must be close.

With the help of astronomers from Bordcaux Observatory, the distances were measured by using the amount of motion as a guide. They showed that of the six brown dwarfs identified, four are located among the stars of the Milky Way. This means

that they can be only brown dwarfs, because regular stars cannot be this faint. Dr Hawkins says that they shine 100,000 times more dimly than the Sun. "It was a fantastic feeling to

watch the stars gradually appearing out of the blackness" he said. "In the end it all scemed too simple, just laying the images on one another, but sometimes the simple plans Work best." The discovery of four brown

dwarfs in our own backyard, so to speak, suggests that there may be many more both in our galaxy and in others. If so, they could account for a substantial fraction of the missing mass known to be present in galaxies but currently undetectable. Dr Hawkins said: "I am

confident in saying these are the first bona fide brown dwarfs to be found. It seems natural now to assume the entire galaxy will be filled with these stars, and there must be one far closer to Earth, possibly within one light year. Now we may soon be able to work out what missing matter really is, and the importance of that is huge."



In the last seconds of its descent on to Titan, the Huygens Probe should offer unprecedented views of Saturn

Amphibious probe to unlock mysteries of Saturn's giant moon

A PROBE designed to splash, or crash, on to the surface of Saturn's largest moon is being assembled for launch next

The Huygens Probe is aimed at Titan, one of the most intriguing objects in the solar system. Astronomers believe that Titan may have oceans

methane icebergs floating around. But the surface is swathed in a thick orange fog. obscuring what lies below.

Dr John Zarnecki, of the University of Kent, told the National Astronomy Meeting in Liverpool yesterday that there was no means of knowing where the probe would

to work on dry land or on the surface of the ocean. His team has designed the Surface Science Package, one of six instruments to be carried by Huygens, which will parachute to the surface early next century after being released from the Cassini orbiter.

Huygens is designed to touch down on Titan at a

package will operate during the 22-hour descent and for about half an hour thereafter. One of the things it will measure is the amount of bounce" should it land on terra firma, since that can reveal a lot about the nature of the terrain.

it will also measure temperature and conductivity,

depths of the oceans should the arrival be wet. Measurements of the refractive index of any liquid it encounters will give a clear idea what it is, as will measurements of the

speed of sound. What Dr Zarnecki calls an electronic spirit level will measure tilt, which could be interesting if the probe is floating. Titan's gravity is 15 per cent of Earth's and, with the expected strong winds.

there could be huge waves. Astronomers believe that Titan's temperature is about -170C, close to the temperature where liquid gaseous and solid methane can coexist. This means that the

methane leebergs floating on the oceans. Titan is a huge moon, larger

than Mercury, and was first discovered by the astronomer Christian Huygens in 1655, The probe is a project of the European Space Agency and is due for launch aboard the American Cassini spacecraft in October next year. It will take nearly seven years to reach Saturn, with the help of gravity "assisis" from Venus

(twice), Earth and Jupiter. Huygens is expected to be released by Cassini on November 6, 2004, and will enter Titan's atmosphere later that month. Once it lands, it will have 30 minutes to send

before it is overcome by failing batteries, the bitter cold, impact damage or the orbiter

disappearing over the horizon. The success of the American Galileo mission to Jupiter. which took almost as long, reassures the astronomers that the instruments will work for seven years. Further tests are planned before it is launched to ensure that it can withstand the shocks of spaceflight and the cold.

We don't have an absolute guarantee that it will survive the landing," Dr Zarnecki admits, but a flight test in northern Sweden last year worked well. The probe was

NEWSINEDIES NHS pays for sister's surrogacy

The sister of a woman born without a womb has been accepted by the NHS as a surrogate mother. Treatment has started on both women, who approached doctors five months ago, according to a support group. The news came as details emerged of Britain's first

baby born to a stand-in mother on the NHS. Jack Wells, who is almost two, was born after York District Health Authority paid £5,000 to implant his mother's eggs into a surrogate.

Scots calling falls

The number of people apply ing to become ministers in the Church of Scotland has fallen by 30 per cent, from 108 in 1994 to 76 last year. Candidates accepted for the Presbyterian ministry fell from 161 in 1993 to 129 in 1994 and 105 last year.

Dog savages boy

A six-year-old boy will have to undergo plastic surgery after his nose was nearly ripped off by a bull mastiff near his home in Billinge, Mersey-side, Marlon Alker had the nose stitched back on at Whiston hospital and the dog has been destroyed.

Police chief quits

Sir Ron Hadfield, Chief Constable of West Midlands Police, is to retire in July. Sir Ron, 56, head of the largest regional force in England for six years, recently called for the start of trials of CS spray and the introduction of national identity cards.

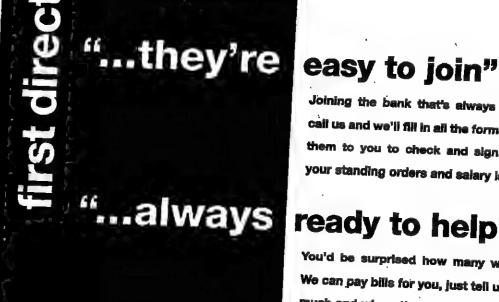
Legal go-ahead

The widow of a lung cancer victim was cleared to continue her test case against Imperial Tobacco. The Court of Session, Edinburgh, rejected the firm's demand for £2 million costs now from Margaret McTear, of Beith.

Bottom brief

Police searching for a man found him naked in an airing cupboard after he cried out when he burnt his bottom on the boiler. The man, 33, from Southampton, received hos-





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Former Italian premier in court

Andreotti goes on trial for ordering death of journalist

THE MURDER trial of Giulio Andreotti, the former Italian Prime Minister, begins tomorrow in a fortified courtroom near this picturesque Umbrian hilltop town.

The trial is without prec-edent in the industrialised world for the gravity of the charge and the eminence of the defendant, who was seven times Prime Minister, and probably the best-known face of Italy on the international stage in the past half century. If he was not having to defend himself against charges of murder and involvement with the Mafia, the 77-year-old former Christian Democrat might still be playing the role of elder statesman in Italian

Signor Andreom is accused of having ordered the murder of Mino Pecorelli, a journalist and editor of Osservatore Politico, a well-informed if somescurrilous weekly magazine. Pecorelli was shot dead in a Rome street on March 20, 1979. Prosecutors in Perugia say the killing stopped him carrying out a threat to publish damaging information about Signor Andreotti that might have caused serious harm to his political career. Signor Andreotti became Prime Minister three days after Pecorelli's death.

The trial is a result of the evidence of Tommaso Buscetta, the Mafia supergrass who claimed in 1992 that Pecurelli had been killed by the Malia as a favour to Signor Andreotti. Signor Buscetta, the best known of Italy's Mafia turneouts, told magistrates that Pecorelli had been eliminated because he was threatening to divulge secrets concerning the Red Brigades' kidnapping and murder the previous year of Signor Andreotti's party colleague Aldo Moro. However, his evidence is hearsay: he claims to have received the information from the two Mafia bosses who allegedly commissioned the assassination.

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Accused with Signor Andreotti is Gaetano Badalamenti, the only surviving source of Signor Buscetta's information, who is in an American prison but has expressed a desire to attend the

Also charged are Giuseppe Calo, who worked for the Cosa Nostra in Rome, Claudio Vitalone, a former Rome magistrate and close political associate of Signor Andreotti's, and the two alleged assassins, a Malioso from Palermo named Michelangelo La Barbera and Massimo Carminati, a right-wing extremist with strong links to the Rome

underworld. The case was moved from Rome to Perugia, which is responsible for investigating offences by Rome magistrates, after a member of a Rome

Andreotti: best known of



Moro: wrote critically of Andreotti while hostage

crime gang accused Signor Vitalone of having a role in the commissioning of the murder.

Perugia prosecutors say Si-gnor Buscetta's allegations have been backed up by the evidence of other Mafia members and by gangsters from Rome. They say the motive for the journalist's murder lay in information he had obtained about the Moro kidnapping and about a financial relationship between Signor Andreotti and Nino Rovelli, an industrialist and leading contributor to Christian Democrat Party

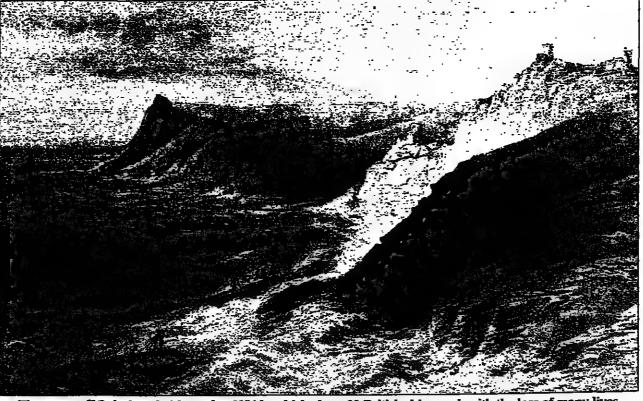
The two elements are linked in a document written by More during his 55 days as a hostage of the Red Brigades in which he levelled fierce criticism at Signor Andreotti, in particular for his contacts with controversial figures from the financial world.

Pecorelli's account of the Moro kidnapping was itself unusual. He described it as bearing "the hallmark of a lucid superpower" and said it was intended to prevent the Communist Party from taking the final step "into a direct participation in the government of the country". Several Mafia witnesses

have alleged that Christian Democrat leaders acted to block negotiations that might have led to Moro's release. The case still overshadows Italian political life.

Fausto Cardella, 46, one of the two Perugia prosecutors. said: "We are going to court to see whether the evidence is convincing or not. Andreotti is the Italian politician who is best known abroad but he has been treated in exactly the same way as if his name was Mario Rossi."

Signor Andreotti's lawyer, Franco Coppi, is convinced of his client's innocence and confident he will be able to demonstrate it in court. "We don't want to approach this trial by talking about the manifest absurdity of the charge. We will pretend to take it seriously," he said.



The storm off Balaclava in November 1854 in which about 30 British ships sank with the loss of many lives

Crimean site yields 'British graves'

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

ONE hundred and forty years after the end of the Crimean War, a hillside outside Sebastopol has yielded an undiscovered graveyard that may be the last resting place of shipwrecked British sailors.

The makeshift cemetery, consisting of about 120 graves containing simple wooden coffins, was found last month by local archaeologists on the coast of Cossack Bay on the Kherson peninsula, south-west of Sebastopol, in Sebastopol, in Ukraine. Yuri Breslavsky, the

had uncovered nine rows with about fifteen graves in each. Inside the trenches were foreign-made bone and brass buttons and fragments of toothbrushes. He thought it likely the dead were sailors and probably British. "If it had been land infantry we would have expected to find weapons," he said.

The find is a highly unusual one for the Crimea, where most battlefields have already been excavated. The British Embassy in Kiev said if the

cial help for what would be the first reburial ceremony in modern times for Crimean

Mr Breslavsky hopes to pin down the identities of the bodies when his team digs again at the site later this month. But he speculated that the dead might be victims of the famous storm off the Crimean coast on November 14. 1854. His judgment was endorsed by Andrew Sewell of the Crimean War Research Society. "It sounds plausible

on the face of it that these newly discovered graves would be English sailors or members of the marine briide, who were based on

board the ships." he said. The storm could not have happened at a worse time for the British fleet, which had put to sea from its cramped harbour at Balaclava after the disaster of the battle of October 25, 1854, famous for the Charge of the Light Brigade. The fleet was devastated by the high winds and about 30

Dudayev calls for the with Veltsin RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

DZHOKHAR DUDAYEV, the Chechen separatist leader. said yesterday that the conflict in his breakaway republic could be resolved in half an hour" if he negotiated directly with President Yeltsin.

In the first response to the Russian leader's peace initiative launched more than a week ago, General Dudayev suggested that he was prepared to resolve peacefully the 16-month conflict in which 30,000 people have been killed. "It is necessary to hold direct talks and we can solve the problem in half a bour." he

General Dudayev said that he would be prepared to talk if the Russians renounced the use of violence and withdrew their forces from Chechenia, He also proposed an amnesty for all Chechens involved in the fighting. The offer received a frosty response from Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, who branded

the general a "criminal". However, Mr Yeltsin has admitted that he has no hope of being re-elected in the June election without a settlement to the conflict. General Dudayev said he did not blame the President for the hostilities, but accused hardliners in Mr Yeltsin's circle of ignoring the Russian leader's ceasefire initiative and prolonging the conflict in an effort to help the Communists in the presiden-

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Chernobyl tornado 'spread thyroid cancer'

FROM CAROLINE DREES IN VIENNA

THE Chemobyl catastrophe caused a sharp rise in thyroid cancers and may be linked to leukaemia among workers cleaning up the radioactive fallout. experts told a conference on the world's worst nuclear accident yester-

Ten years after a fire and blast at the nuclear plant spewed radiation over much of Europe, 700 delegates, politicians and nuclear experts from around the globe met in Vienna to discuss the long-term impacts of the

"The Chernobyl incident resulted in a significant increase in thyroid cancers," said Anatoly Tsyb, of Russia's Medical Radiological Research Centre. A possible link between the fallout and a spate of leukaemias among clean-up workers was particularly worrying.

Leaders from Belorussia, Russia and Ukraine painted a grim picture of the shattered lives and environmental chaos in their countries caused by the Chernobyl explosion on April 26, 1986.

The speakers from the three former Soviet republics most affected by the accident emphasised that cash and technical aid were needed urgently to ease the suffering of thousands of people in contaminated areas. President Lukashenko of Belorussia said his country had to spend a quarter of its annual budget on dealing with a "radioactive tornado never seen before". About 70 per cent of the fallout was deposited on Belorussia.

The estimated total radioactivity from the blast was 200 times more than that from the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki combined, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said.

The WHO is co-sponsoring the conference with the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency

and the European Commission. The four-day conference opened with a minute's silence for past, present and future victims of Chemobyl.

Experts at the meeting said that about 54,000 square miles - about the size of Denmark, Belgium, The Netherlands and Switzerland com-

bined — were contaminated. The future health effects will be mostly related to children, and psychological issues will remain in the forefront," Professor Fred Mettler, who led an international health assessment team to Chernobyl in 1990, said. (Reuter)





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Elbn Peking deal'

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

Peking: President Jiang Zemin of China yesterday asked George Bush, the former American Presi-dent, to use his influence to helm Sino-American ties.

help Sino-American ties, battered by disputes on trade. Taiwan, human rights and avadage color.

lights and nuclear sales.

He is an old friend, Mr

Jiang said when he met Mr Bush here (Reuter)

closed, also criticised the visit.
"To invite Mr Li to Paris is to
commit a political error and a
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commit a political error and a moral fault at the same time, a they wrote, "Shall we congrate ulate Mr Li on having massacred students fat Tiananmen Squarel in order to sell China a third muclear conjugate stotion."

a third nuclear power station or some Airbus planes?

The French business community beautiful to the first planes.

munity, however, is unlikely to see things in the same light.

Mr Li is due at the Airbus headquarters in Toulouse,

southern France on Saturday,

when he is expected to order

30 A320 planes and three longhaul A340 aircraft. The con-tract is estimated to be worth

Mr Li's visit comes at a time

when France is trying to rebuild relations with China

out of his way to court the Chinese, a policy that has been

taken up by President Chirac.

say the stand-off between America and China that followed Peking's decision to stage military manocures near Tainan last month could

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Speaking on French television on Monday, Mr Li said:

We are prepared to accept a dialogue on the problem of human rights but China can-

not accept human rights being

used to interfere in our inter-

nal affairs."

Peking: Mr Li's heavy workload had forced him to postpone visits to The Netherlands and Luxemburg, the Chinese Forcign Ministry said last night. A spokesman for the ministry denied reports by a Hong Kong newspaper that the

Kong newspaper that the move was linked to Dutch

plans to sell submarines to

Taiwan. (Reuter)



EUROPEAN

Sarajevo r Romeo and

Belgrac They Bridge — her arms around him in a tragic symbol of ethnic warfare — before Serb

them in a Serb cemetery.

When they died, Admira's father, Zijah Ismic, said: "If life is to hope, then I hope I will one day be able to bury them together as they lived."

Now his wish has come true.

The counle's hodies have The couple's bodies have been exhumed from their un-tended grave and returned to Sarajevo where they will be reburied today in the Lion Comercy Mr Ismic said. "He Cemetery. Mr Ismic said: "He

stayed in Sarajevo because of her and she wanted to reward him by leaving with him to the Admira and Bosko met at a

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came the first s with atrocities a be taken into c Yugoslav War (here. Indi actions as comm Celebici camp in nia, he is charged sibility for at least seven cases of fort rapes carried ou Braids command. (AP)

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN IT WAS in May 1993 that Admira Ismic and Bosko Brkic were shot dead as they tried to flee Sarajevo. She was a Muslim, he a Serb and they wanted to escape the madness destroying their country. For eight days the couple lay in a still embrace on Vrbanja

soldiers scooped up their bodles one night and deposited them in a Serb cometery.

Sarajevo cafe in 1985 at a time when inter-ethnic counship was normal. They had been together for eight years before they were killed, both aged 25

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that were damaged by the 1992 sale of 60 Mirage lighters to whose identities were not dis-Taiwan, M Juppe's predeces-sor, Edouard Balladur, went Champs-Elysées art exhibition arouses Parisian passions

FRANCE was yesterday ac-

FRANCE was yesterday accused of putting money ahead of human rights as it rolled out the red carpet for Li Penguito head a four day trate

who began a four-day state

Three weeks after China's military exercises off Taiwan,

the French authorities are

hoping to exploit the sharp cooling in Sino-American relations to conclude a series of the solutions to conclude a series of

The Chinese Prime Minister will meet his French counterpart. Alain Juppé, today and president Chirac tomorrow. French business leaders leaders

believe he will go on to sign contracts worth at least Fr 10 billion (£1.3 billion) during his

Opposition Socialist Party
leaders said the Gaullist-led
administration had hushed up

criticism of human rights abuses in China in an attempt

abuses in China in an attempt to appease Peking. Human rights organisations have been told they cannot demon-strate outside the Chinese Embassy, Instead they will

hold a protest a few hundred

yards away at the Trocadero

Laurent Fabius, the former

Socialist Prime Minister, ac-

cased the Government of

putting its flag in its pocker.
in an article in Le Monde,

several senior civil servants,

square this evening.

BY ADAM SAGE

A VAST open-air sculpture exhibition has given the Champs-Flysees in Paris a

distinctly off-beat look Building on the success of a similar exhibition by the Spanish artist Botero in 1992 Paris town hall has decided to mansform the French capital's most famous avenue from June. Almost 50 sculptures by arrists such as Rodin, Picasso and Henry Moore are in place awaiting

the official opening tomorrow. We wanted to take arr back to the street and therefore to. veryone Solange Auzias de Turenne, who organised the exhibition, said. We wanted to give as wide a public as possible access to some respecied works liked at present by a privileged few."

Even before tomorrows opening the works have at-

Rodin's "The Thinker"

tracted interest and more than a little bewilderment. Drivers. who usually race down the Champs-Elyses, can be seen to slow as they are met by the

Some tourists have trouble knowing what to make of it all.
I would not like this in my garden, a sightseer said as she peered at a brightly coloured work by the French artist. Nike de Saint-Phalle. Organisers of the exhibition

say it is at night that it will be most spectacular. A lighting system has been created with the sculptures emerging from the darkness to the surprise of passers by Jean Tiberi Mayor of Paris, said he had been nactivated by the desire to make Paristans lose their heads. The desire to surprise frem, to seduce them, to invite them to a strange party. Not everyone has been se duced. Jean Paul Belmondo,

the veteran Prench film star, said there were not enough Gallic acuptures are show.

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His comments may not be entirely objective. He has been liked that works by he has been father. Paul, have been left out of the exhibition.



FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

WITH the Italian election less than two weeks away, the Left reacted angrily yesterday to an open pitch for the Roman Catholic vote by Silvio Berlusconi, the leader of the conservative Forza Italia party.

The question of "who God votes for" has become central to the election since last week when the Italian Bishops' Conference dropped any attempt to instruct Catholics on voting preferences and issued instead a list of values for voters, such as family life, workers' rights, social justice, the environment and peace and solidarity.

The bishops' list was interneted by the Left as "socialist", but Signor Berlusconi.

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speaking on one of his own television channels said Forza Italia was the natural home for Cafnolics because if believed in the family. life and the human being Rommano Prodi, leader of the centre-left bloc, retorted that the media tycoon was dishonouring Easter and using religion as "an instrument of political marketing".

The former Prime Minister's remarks also irritated the rump Christian Democratic parties, which are allied with Forza Italia and whose roots and ideology are Catholic. However, Gianfranco Fini, leader of the post-Fascist Alleanza Nazionale, which is increasingly the dominant ejement in the centre-right bloc agreed with Signor Berlus-coni that the Left had a history. of atheism and had no claim

to the Catholic vote. Leftwingers say the Pope's views are socialist, pointing to his emphasis on social issues in his Easter message and to a recent speech to factory workers in Siena in which he accused entrepreneurs of "exploiting the free market in pursuit of automatic riches" at the expense of workers.



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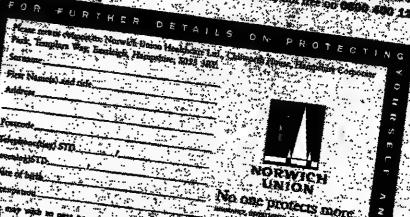
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Admira Ismic, a Muslim, and Bosko Brkic, a Serb — the young lovers whose death in Sarajevo three years ago became a symbol of the Bosnian War

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Theodore Kaczynski

Suspect's brother put lives before loyalty

By QUENTIN LETTS

THE younger brother of Theodore "Ted" Kaczynski, \$3. the suspected Unabomber, wrote to him last autumn, asking to visit him at his remote shack in Montana. Documents have now been found at the shack bearing the names of some of the Unabomber's victims.

David Kaczynski, whose struggle with his conscience is perhaps the most intriguing aspect of the arrest of the prime suspect, wanted dis-creetly to check his lears that his eccentric brother was the multiple bomber.

A charity worker from New York State, he felt the first stirrings of suspicion last summer after noticing that his elder brother's occasional sorties from Montana bore a similar pattern to the Unahomber's attacks. The two brothers had not met for six years, but Ted sent postcards

David Kaczynski's disquiet was accentuated in October when he noticed marked similarities between Ted's writings and the Unabumber's 35,000word manifesto, which had been published in national newspapers. At this point, he asked a private investigator to look into the matter. When his request to visit the Montana shack met with a refusal, his suspicions were increased.

Much as Mr Kaczynski may curse the difficulty of the decision he had to make to put the lives of others before family ries and take his suspicions to the FBI, he won praise from Jack Levin, a leading criminologist. "We learn from an early age that you don't tattle." Mr Levin said. "You especially don't tattle on fammembers. This brother

deserves tremendous credit." The discovery at Mr Kaczynski's shack of documents hearing the names of Unabomber victims has hardened the helief of FBI agents that they have arrested the man who over 18 years conducted a bombing campaign across America that killed three people, but so far he has been charged only with making an First woman White House press secretary complains of 'glass ceiling'

Clinton accused of running club for 'white boys'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

DEE DEE MYERS, the first woman White House press secretary, has criticised Presi-Fokyo: William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, will dent Clinton for running a "white boys' club" where visit Japan on Sunday and Monday before President Clinton's state visit next women struggle to be heard. Ms Myers, who resigned in week, the Foreign Ministry December 1994, has gone pubannounced. Mr Perry will lic with a complaint increas-ingly heard privately that a "glass ceiling" exists for women in Mr Clinton's team. hold talks over American bases in Okinawa, where three US servicemen were convicted of raping a girl of 12 last September. (Reuter) except for Hillary Clinton. They complain that Mr

Clinton is more comfortable

governing with an inner circle

of male advisers, contrary to

his rhetoric about the virtues

of diversity and of ending

If the issue gains national

attention it could embarrass

Mr Clinton, who is expected to

draw more heavily on women

than men for support in the

election. In fact, he has ap-

pointed more women to Cabi-

net and other top jobs than any previous President. Ms

Myers was a case in point. At

31, after a year as the Clinton

campaign spokeswoman, she landed the job of White House

press secretary.

However, she was not given

the office or duties that tradi-

tionally go with the post. She

was parked in a cubby-hole

while George Stephanop-

oulos, the communications di-

rector, occupied the larger

office and conducted daily

It was Ms Myers's first taste

of being pushed into a subser-

vient role. She had far less

access to senior officials than

her predecessors had and was

excluded from high-level

press briefings.

gender bias.

meetings where decisions were made. Nonetheless, when things went wrong, she was frequently the victim of Mr Clinton's flashes of temper, known as "the purple

Ms Myers makes her resentment known in a new book, Madhouse, by Jeffrey Birnbaum, a senior political writer for Time magazine. His account says that Ms Myers was still out of the inner circle when she took over the briefings from Mr Stephanopoulos. She was not told in advance of Mr Clinton's plans to bomb Baghdad in retaliation for President Saddam Hussein's plot to assassinate George Bush. As a result, she unwittingly gave untruthful answers to reporters' questions — an enormous black

mark for a press secretary. Ms Myers was dismayed during an emergency meeting of the Clinton team called to discuss a dollar crisis. Men sat the table and women against the wall, including Ms Myers and, to her shock. Laura D'Andrea Tyson, a enough to resign with dignity.

financial expert who was chairman of the Economic Advisory Council. Ms Tyson tried several times to say something but men-talked over her. She almost had to shout before Mr Clinton called on her to speak, and then largely took her advice. As Ms Tyson and Ms Myers

left, they agreed it was not the first time it had happened and that it would not be the last.

To be fair, after much indecision, Mr Clinton promoted Ms Tyson to a new economic post last year. However, other women working for him remain convinced their ideas do not carry

Alice Rivlin, the budget director, wanted to compro-mise on a balanced budget but was overruled. Donna Shalala. Health Secretary, lost control of healthcare reform. Hazel O'Leary, the Energy Secretary, is derided as inelfectual. Carol Browner, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, defers to Al Gore, the Vice-President, on policy. Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, lacks the presidential trust of her male predecessors.

Several women have left in frustration. So has Ms Myers. now co-host of a TV programme about politics. Her position was even less tenable after Leon Panetta became White House Chief of Staff and ignored her. She and Mr Clinton had a heart-to-hear: talk during which they cried and said they loved each other. She stayed only long



Dee Dee Myers, who felt the President excluded women from his circle of advisers

Reporters liked her, but felt she had insufficient intellect for the job. She was replaced by Mike McCurry, white and male, whose basic condition was one she never had: unfertered access to the President.

☐ Wider powers: Mr Clinton last night ratified legislation that will give the President more control over items included in the federal budget. The fresh air of public accountability will blow through the federal budget," the President said after signing the Bill. The so-called line-item veto will come into effect in January, after the inauguration of

November. (AFP)

American children switch screens

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN children are watching five hours' less television a week than they did in the 1980s, according to new figures. Research found that youngsters aged two to Il sit in front of the television for an average of 21 hours, 38 minutes a week.

A decade ago the figure was more than 26 hours a week. The 18 per cent drop is attributed to increased use of computers. videotapes and, perhaps, an increased awareness among parents of the "timewasting potential of television. Despite the drop in average watching times. however, television remained the biggest single activity for children, far more than sport, books or other forms of play.

The watching figures were reported by Nielsen Media Research, which also monitors audience figures for television companies and advertisers. The drop in viewing times will be a cause for concern within the industry as it may threaten the ability of television to provide advertisers

a mass market. Some companies have already accommodated the change, and now market their products on computer online services and elsewhere.

Audrey Guskey, a marketing analyst at Pittsburgh School of Business Administration, said yesterday: "Children certainare watching less television. Technology has expanded to allow more creativity. It is very good news for society. although in some instances we are going from one evil to what a lot of people consider to be another evil."

Families are monitoring television habits more, she said, and sometimes prefer videotapes because they can be selected by parents and pre-screened for unde-sired material. "Modern parents have grown up with television and know what a time waster it can be. Children are moving in the right direction." Ms Guskey said. Children's television viewing reached its peak in 1984, when

American youngsters spent more than 26 hours a week watching programmes. In 1988 they were still devoting the equivalent of a whole day a week to the television, but the figures then dropped steeply with the development of computer entertainment and the Internet. It may also be that the viewing slump has something to do with the weeful quality of some shows.

Business executives have a saying that "advertising follows the eyeballs", and consequently some firms now reserve part of their promotional budgets for media other than television. Jane Dukes. a marketing manager for the fast food chain McDonald's, said: "We have to innovate, be relevant and stay contemporary." Her company, much of whose business comes from children, now chases those eyeballs down computer lines and cable television outlets specialising in children's entertainment.

Killer apologises to prostitutes' families

BY QUENTIN LETTS

A CONFESSED murderer of prostitutes who dismembered his victims and dumped their bodies in New York rubbish bins apologised to the families of the women he killed, and said that he felt "horrible".

Robert Shulman, a 42-yearold post office somer, whimpered as he was led to a police car in Patchogue, Long Island. He confessed to killing five

young women since 1991. Shulman, whose 37-year-old brother is also being questioned by police in connection with the murders, would drive to a notorious pick-up spot for prostitutes and take them back to his flat. There, after

sex and drugs, he would beat

them to death using a ham-mer, baseball bat or his gymnastic weights. He disposed of the bodies in bins around Long Island, having first chopped off the women's

Police finally tracked down one of the victims from a tattoo on her body. From there the investigation moved swiftly, for Shulman and his cruising blue Cadillac were familiar to the local prostitutes. The Shulman brothers were known in the area as odd but

rarely talked to neighbours. Prosecutors would not say if they intend to press for the death penalty for the killings reminiscent of Jack the Ripper under the state's recently altered punishment laws.

Rockets injure 26 Israelis

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Jerusalem: At least 26 Israeli crizens were wounded yester-day when Islamic guerrillas fired Katyusha rockets at a Jewish settlement along the northern border with Lebanon (Ross Dunn writes).
The attack, after a landmine

explosion killed a Lebanese youth, 17, has raised fears that the conflict in south Lebanon

could worsen. Hezbollah guerrillas fired two salvos on Kiryat Shimona and one rocket made a direct hit on a block of flats. Israel retaliated immediately, using air force jets, artillery and heavy tank fire to blast sus-pected hideouts of Hezbollah fighters.

Sharjah sheikh dies of stroke

Dubai: A member of Sharjah's Royal Family has died of a stroke three weeks after he was injured when a firecrack-er hit him during an interna-tional football match in the United Arab Emirates. Sheikh Mohammad ibn Khaled al-Qasimi died in Britain, where he was undergoing plastic surgery on his ear, which had been ripped off by the firecracker (AFP)

British tie cut

Wellington: New Zealand moved to sever another British tie, with plans to abolish the right of appeal to the Privy Council. The next election is also to be held by proportional representation. (Reuter)

Overtime plea

Tokyo: Takanobu Nagai, Japan's Labour Minister, said employers had been asked to protect workers from death from overwork by reducing overtime. Last year 76 people died of overwork. (AFP)

Keys to faith

Tehran: An Iranian religious scholar has designed software that will call Muslim comput-er users to prayer five times s day. Haj Samimi speat a year developing the programme to ensure its accuracy. (APP)

Killer beheaded

Delhi: A 30-strong gang stormed a prison at Nagercoil in Tamil Nadu where they beheaded a man jailed for severed head, the Press Trust of India reported. (AP)

Square bashing

Moscow: Russia will stage a military parade in Red Square on May 9 to mark the victory over Germany in the Second World War, thus reviving the Soviet tradition of huge military displays. (AFP)

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Jessica makes pre-flight checks while training Pilot aged seven aims to fly across US twice FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES AMELIA EARHART would turn in her watery grave. Fifty-nine years after the legendary aviator disappeared over the Pacific, another female hopes to make flying

history - but with an instructor at her side and extensions strapped to her legs.

Jessica Dubroff, seven,

takes off today from the quiet resort of Half Moon Bay, south of San Francisco. At 4 ft 2 in she is set to become the smallest as well as the youngest person to pilot a plane across the US. She needs the leg extensions to reach the rudder pedals. With her instructor, Joe

Reid, in the co-pilot's seat, and her father, Lloyd Dubroff. behind them, Jessica faces a Rockies and the Great Lakes to Massachussetts, all in a four-seat Cessna. So advanced is the infant-

pilot cult in America that

records go only to those who

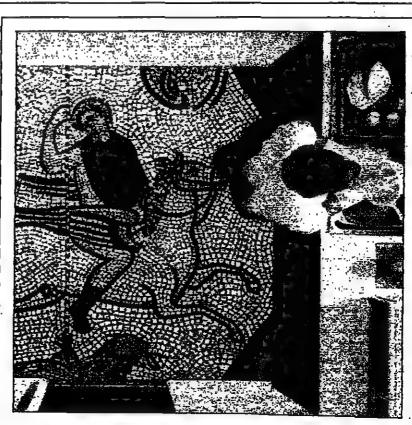
make the return flight. In 1987

an Il-year-old Texan became the youngest to fly coast-tocoast, but his record was broken twice within a year. Since 1988 it has been held by Tony Aliengena, who flew from San Diego to Boston and back when nine.
Miss Dubroff has been

flying barely a year. Her number if hours in the air so far is 30, a tally she will more than double during the trip. With strong tailwinds and no mishaps it could take a mere 40 hours, but if turbulence forces Mr Reid to take the controls she must repeat the whole leg to stay in contention.

America's latest aviation pioneer lacks the intercomfriendly gravitas of an airline pilot, but shows promise in the field of reckless

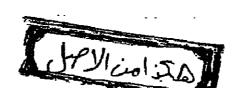
"I'm going to fly till I fly solo." she said in one interview, a reference to a federal ban on solo flying by underlos. "I'm going to fly till I die."



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Mandela's links with rogue states vex West

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN CAPE TOWN

A VISIT by Alfred Nzo, the South African Foreign Minister, to Iran has raised concern in the West over the foreign policy initiatives of the Government led by the African National Congress.

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With cool assurance the Pretoria Government has publicly rejected Washington's attempts to influence its relationship with Iran, accused by the Americans of sponsoring terrorism. On Monday Iran's official news agency quoted Mr Nzo at the start of his three-day visit to promote economic co-operation as saying that South Africa did not follow the American policy of trying to isolate Iran. "Relations with fran are good," he said pointedly.

Last year, after South Africa agreed in principle to allow tran to store 15 million barrels of oil at a coastal depot, President Mandela's Government was criticised by Washington. Iran, which supplies 90 per cent of South Africa's oil, has indicated its intention to press ahead with the project. After talks with Presi-dent Rafsanjani, Mr Nzo said the oil storage agreement only required the resolution of tech-

nical problems. Mr Nzo's visit to Tehran comes against the backdrop of growing concern about the direction and substance of South African foreign policy. President Mandela has made



Gaddafi: invited to be a guest of Pretoria

it clear that South Africa intends to maintain friendly ties with states such as Cuba and Iran and will not be deterred by criticism of terrorist links or dubious human

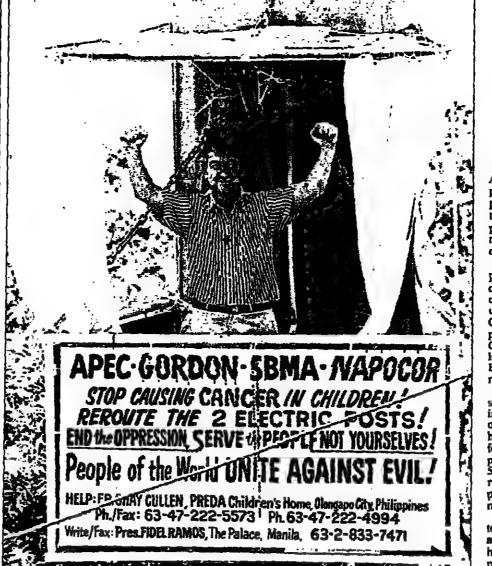
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Pidalls in the policy were highlighted as South Africa tried to negotiate with Nigeria's military rulers. After the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other ()goni activists by the Abacha Government, Mr Mandela performed a voite face and led international condemnation of the junta. But when other southern African leaders failed to support him he had to back down.

A further backtracking in Pretoria's hardline position towards the Abacha Government was highlighted by the problems encountered by Nigerian opposition figures in reaching Johannesburg for a meeting last weekend.

There is talk in Pretoria of a more pragmatic approach to foreign policy. Yet while Mr Mandela may have fallen more closely into step with Britain and America over Nigeria, other headaches can be expected over his ad hoc approach to foreign policy. On the back of a visit to South Africa by a prominent Algerian Islamic terrorist in February, representatives of the anti-Israeli Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, are expected in the country for an Islamic conference.

Mr Mandela has also raised eyebrows by inviting Mua-mmar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, to visit South Africa. There is concern in Western circles that South Africa could become a haven for supporters of parish and rogue states and behind the scenes diplomatic pressure is being brought to bear on Pretoria.

"South African foreign policy is often bewildering and perplexing," one Western dip-lomat said. "Western governments are making it clear they re not always happy with the



Father Cullen on his Philippines electricity pylon yesterday, where he spent a fourth day protesting against the siting of a power cable above a children's home

Priest's power struggle on pylon

FROM REUTER IN OLONGAPO

AN IRISH priest remained perched on a 40ft electricity pylon in the Philippines for the fourth day yesterday in protest against the installa-tion of a power cable near a children's home.

"I have to stay here on this platform as a symbol of our determination to protect the children ... I will stay here until the National Power Corp will agree to remove this post," said Fatner may Cullen, 53, who is urging the leaders of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum (Apec) to back his protest.

Apec leaders are to hold a nummit meeting in November in Subic, 50 miles northwest of Manila. The priest, who has lived in the Philippines for many years, climbed the pylon in nearby Olongapo on Saturday to demand the rerouting of a cable installed to provide back-up power for the

Father Cullen sald the hightension cable would pass just above a rehabilitation centre he runs for victims of child prostitution and drug addiction and was likely to emit electromagnetic radiation harmful to the children.

The 4ft by 5ft platform on top of the pylon has a cellular a portable lavatory.

Cuban hardliners launch purge of party reformists

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

CUBA'S Communist Party has declared an "ideological battle" for "revolutionary purity" against dissenters and is targeting reformists within

party ranks. In language worthy of the Cold War at its height, Cuba has warned professionals and academics of an Americaninspired plot to undermine the revolution through a Trojan horse" subterfuge of cultural and intellectual exchanges.

Heads have started to roll in Havana, where officials point to a "fifth column" of academics, researchers and businessmen suspected of being seduced into "unpatriotic" activities by contacts with democracy and capitalism.

The crackdown comes at a time of heightened US-Cuban tension after the shooting down in February of two small civilian planes carrying four Cuban exiles. In retaliation, the US passed a harsh embargo law last month.

Analysts say the intellectual spy-versus-spy crisis is part of continuing power struggle between Havana's reformers and hardliners. It is also the product of policy divisions in Washington where the anti-Castro lobby has been pushing for tougher sanctions while Clinton Administration aides favoured increased contact with Cuban reformists. Havana was growing in-

creasingly uneasy over the

academic exchanges after an October initiative by the Clinton Administration to boost "people to people" contacts. American officials openly discussed how they hoped this would strengthen the growth of civic groups operating more or less independently of the Communist Party.

For a while Cuba seemed to tolerate it. After the collapse of the state's traditional Soviet bloc benefactors, academics and non-governmental organisations badly needed resources and opportunities to travel and participate in international forums.

[] British hotline: The Gov-

ernment has opened a hotline to help British businesses hit by America's tightening of the Cuban embargo, and is looking at ways to get round the laws (Michael Binyon writes).

Britain has protested force-fully to the Clinton Adminis-tration and may challenge the legislation's constitutionality. The Government has begun talks with its European Union partners on the next move. and may report Washington to the World Trade Organisation if it finds the laws contradict US international

obligations. A Department of Trade and Industry policy document says Washington may be drawing up a "hit list" of British companies likely to face a challenge in American courts.

South Korea leader awaits poll in eye of the storm

From Rob Hughes

IN SEOUL

BEFORE 20 million South Koreans get up to vote in today's general election, President Kim Young Sam will already have been up with the dawn, jogging and then swimming in the tranquillity of his official residence in Seoul.

Outside the walls of the Blue House residence, there have been daily bulletins threatening war from the isolated Communist North Korea; there have been student riots after the death, apparently from natural causes, of an activist protesting against government policy; and there are the trials of two former presidents charged with treason and

The contrast between this and the serenity of the President is explained when you join him for a 6am run. He says that jogging is essential to set up his body

and clear his mind for his 12-hour working day dealing with his problems. As a Presbyterian brought up in the Confucian stoic style, President Kim puts the mind-and-body principle to the fore. So do his staff: in the astonishingly well equipped Blue House gymnasium, mem-bers of the presidential household and PSS secret security staff exercise in Taekwando, Kendo and a breathing-andmeditation ritual known as Tanjon.

Outside, in daylight, you would not know Seoul was on a war footing. You may meet, around a street corner, members of a riot squad preparing to meet student dissidents, but the street cafés bustle, and life is calm. The people are convinced that the present threats are nothing more than propaganda.

One of President Kim's advisers, Dr Lee Hong Koo, Prime Minister until last December, says there is an antipathy in the country towards politics and politi-

clans. "I am discouraged to find very little enthusiasm from the young," he says. They think politicians are no good anyway, and we are forecasting the lowest turnout ever."

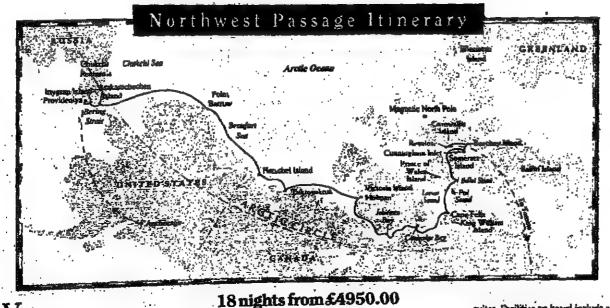
Dr Lee said that after many years committed to unification between the Koreas, he would prefer to win the bid to host the 2002 football World Cup (the choice for which will be on June I) rather than today's National Assembly vote. "We have lost a political election before, in 1988, but survived," he said. "But the World Cup is once in a lifetime."

But President Kim said: "Both are equally important. The World Cup would help to change the nation's destiny ... And if we were to defeat Japan for this World Cup, I see no reason to exclude our neighbour in the North. It would give me great pleasure to visit Pyongyang for a football match there. It would be a tremendous contribution to unification."



President Kim, left, jogs with Rob Hughes and an aide

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ach season, one look dominates the round of countless international shows. It encapsulates the moment, becomes the focus of the fashion pack, and is quickly picked up by retailers whose job it is to zillion copies soon find their way to a high street store near you. That's the way fashion works.

It was not difficult to spot this season's front-runner when it appeared on the catwalks. The shirtdress was an obvious winner. Everywhere you looked - Max-Mara in Milan, Betty Jackson in London, Hermes in Paris and almost every designer in New York - there were girls wearing the

Smart for the office, smooth for the evening. Iain R. Webb on the return of the shirtdress

straightforward through dress popular resses or, a little nearer home, Woolworth's sales assistants. The shirtdress was the popular choice.

So why now? Why should a dress which is little more than a glamorous overall suddenly look right? What makes designers as diverse as Gianni Versace and Ralph Lauren cut their own versions of the shirtdress in fine jersey and shantung silk respectively?

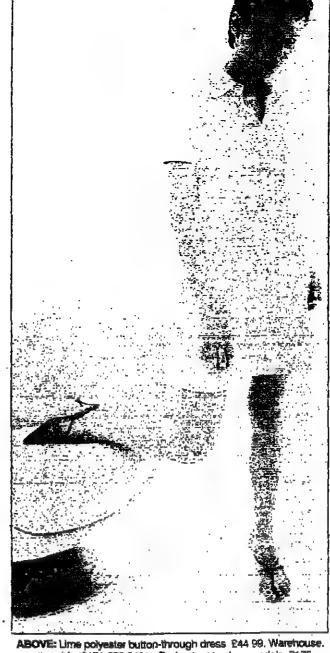
'It's the natural result of minimalism". says Lisa editor of Vogue. "It's effort-less but still looks smart. We are moving away from the conventional jacketand-skirt look for work.

The shirtdress is a good summer version of the suit." The shirtdress epitomises the moment: easy chic. Designers in the 1990s offer clothes which are both comfortable and efficient. Pared down to the minimum, the mood is

now constitutes an ourfit in itself. Smart enough to work in the office. smooth enough to take cocktails Armstrong is keen to point out

that the look can, at times, appear choose one in a sensual fabric Jil Sander has a great shirtdress in her collection." she says. "Some of them come in very stiff materials, which is fine if you are young and your friends are going to understand the ironic fashion statement you are

The key is to keep the silhouette uncluttered. Finish the look with a metal-link belt, or a shoe-lace thin belt fied casually at the hip.



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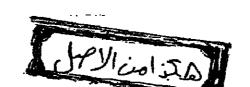
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Dennis Potter: he had only weeks to live when he told Melvyn Bragg "I can celebrate life"

How Dennis Potter found serenity

nd so it has come to pass. The programmes will be made as prophesied. There is something in the memory of Dennis Potter which magnetises the biblical.

Will there be any stars, any stars in my crown, when the sun goes down? He chanted this in the last interview I did with him two years ago. "When I wake with the blessed in the mansion of rest will there be any stars in my

Like Potter. I belong to what might be the last English generation saturated in the hymns and psalms and King James's words of English Protestant Christianity, with all the implications of a deep reservoir of guilt and tantalising prospects of a rare understanding beyond ordinary sense.

It was the religious undercurrent which gave that last interview its resonance. The reaction it provoked was unique in my experience as a broadcaster and the letters which cascaded on Dennis in the Forest of Dean, on Michael Grade in his Channel 4 office and on myself were testaments that a connection had been made between the writer and an audience, a connection both raw and direct. The most public and commonplace of mediums had grappled with a most private revelation and deeply personal uσ

That could be sensed during the recording of the interview itself. We met at 9am because that was when he had most strength and there was only one shot. And this was precious time stolen from writing those last two plays. It is the plays, of course, which have come to pass - Kargoke and Cold Lazarus, four episodes of each - to be shown later this month, as he requested in the interview, both on BBCl and Channel 4.

It must be the first time that anyone has used an interview to secure such a contract. But that was only a small part of it. He brought up the idea of Englishness; he mocked his terrible cancer; he spoke of his father and his



Melvyn Bragg recalls his final interview with Britain's leading TV dramatist, who found solace and inspiration

continuation of his father in him-

Constituency after constituency was conquered. And just by being there he spoke about courage, which he also discussed explicitly. surprised and relieved as he was to discover that his reaction to the certainty of his death finally dissolved a lifelong fear: that he was a physical coward. There were two things above all,

though, which to me are inexpungible. The first was his decision to do the interview and to do it in every sense so openly. Open about everything - even the

On that morning he had taken his usual careful allocation of pills, enough to mute the pain but not dull his mind. He wanted a drink to set him up.

Champagne. Then there was the black collee and cigarenes. And finally his silver hip flask of liquid morphine which he needed so badly when suddenly, after about 40 minutes, he jackknifed in

agony.

Deliberately, we had made this television studio as bare as we could and the shooting was simple. In that context, Potter's intensity glowed. It lit up the screen with a radiance which only the surly could deny. "At certain points I felt I was flying with it," he said as we finished.

Graham Greene has a passage in an essay to the effect that extreme moments bring out and need clichés. As Dennis and I left the studio which had become something of a confessional, some-

in his last days

thing of a pulpit and a space for

self-analysis, one of the cameramen came up to me. There was a feeling between almost giddy exhilaration and stunned realisation that a life was about to be guttered The cameraman said: "That was a bit of history." To judge from the

letters and calls and conversations I have had over the past two years, this was a view widely shared. The very fact of 'Tell Mr it was an event. The second impor-

tant thing for me was Potter he is an aspect of the televery brave vision interview which has grown stronger as time passes. It was his — he puts description of "the

nowness" Knowing for certain that he was to die shame' within a few weeks, he said: "The only thing

you know for sure is the present time. The nowners becomes so vivid to me that in a perverse sort of way I am almost serene. I can celebrate

Below my window in Ross, for example, the blossom is out in full. It's a plum tree — it looks like apple blossom but it's white. And instead of saying 'oh, that's nice blossom' looking at it through the window when I am writing, it is the whitest, frothlest, blossomiest blossom that there ever could

What he did there, I think, was to privilege those who know they have a short time to live. Such a death sentence can panic you, stupefy you, bring up the feelings of futility latent in us all. It can be seen as a wretched weakened

everything. No. said Potter, it can be the most compelling, the most astonishing passage of life — indeed, those of us who have this knowledge of a certain end are even an elite. The nowness of everything is absolutely wondrous. There's no way of telling you, you have to experience it - the glory of it if you like, the comfort of it, the reassurance."

It is that, I believe, which gave such a sing to so many of the letters, even those I myself re-ceived. "Will you tell Mr Potter we think he is very brave and made us feel ashamed of our aches and pains ... excuse this writing, I have bad arthritis." "I feel compelled to write to you and say how privileged I feel to have shared the passion and vulnerability of such an outpouring of a dying man's reflections." "I curse myself for taking things for granted, for self-pitying, for wasting time and at times feeling sorry for myself. I feel it brought me closer to God! Truly there will be stars in his crown.

is words spread from the comparatively few who are ill and therefore saw not only an example of fortifude but the philosophy of positive enhanced life, to the many who have great difficulty in living in the moment; in putting aside getting and spending which "lays waste our powers".

God bless him."

Dennis Potter's gift was to grace what in his and similar circumstances is largely regarded as the wasted end of a life, with a conviction and an insight which spoke a truth at least as great as the lengthening of a life — the truth of the quality of the lived experience. He demonstrated it in himself and he articulated it for others.

At the very least, what he did for people, in the full sense of that lovely phrase, was "to give them

The fact is that if you see the present tense, boy do you see it and boy can you celebrate it!"

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The CSA: strangled at birth

anything other than lipcurled cynicism to the - news? - that the Child Support Agency (CSA) has been an utter failure. But I can't see how it could have been otherwise. All along the line the CSA has been a complete disgrace: for the fact is, since its very inception it has not been allowed to

That really is not to put the case too strongly. The way all attempts to make men responsible for their children have been undermined is indeed scandalous. The CSA was brought into being in order to bring to book men who had abandoned their families and was then promptly attacked for doing so. It is widely seen to be vengeful,

How could the Child Support Agency succeed when all its efforts were opposed and undermined?

driven by men-bating vindictiveness and motivated by nothing less than a brutal

I find it infinitely tiresome when every debate, every issue is seen as a gendersensitive one, and every particle of evidence is dissected for its possible inherent sexism. I don't want to join that particular sisterhood, but the closing in of some male protectionist racket in all this is undeniable. That can't be

ignored, and shouldn't be. It's not that people try to pull one over that infuriates me, but that they succeed so

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easily. Single mothers are easy to blame there aren't that many powerful people ready to stand up for them. Naturally, I am not saying that all single mothers are misunderstood, put-upon creatures who must not be held responsible for their own actions. But - and I'm sorry to cite the jaunty phrasing of our grandparents' generation it does take two to rango. Anyone would think that the single mother were a case of virgin birth in reverse she alone is sulfied, impure a self

fertilising devilish whore. Logically, you simply cannot put all the blame of an undestrable conception on me of the parties alone biology dictates that a sperm and an egg are equally necessary, those who possess the latter cannot be more to blame for a conception than the owners of the former.

That has to be, along with a good many other things, the belief of those who constructed the CSA. Even if you argue that a man who played no part in deciding to have a child, and often was ignorant that he may have fathered one, should not be held accountable at some later date, there was no real disagreement about men who simply left their first families in order to start a second. We all knew where their duties lay. So you'd think. But the ruckus that ensued. Men, it was reported, were having their lives ruined, the children of their second wives were being nenalised: this was state-instituted persecution. That such nonsense could



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ven be tolerated is ludicrous: a demonstration of second wives and their children marching to Downing Street with placards bemoaning their lot goes beyond satire.

Men who bleat about supporting their children deserve nothing but contempt

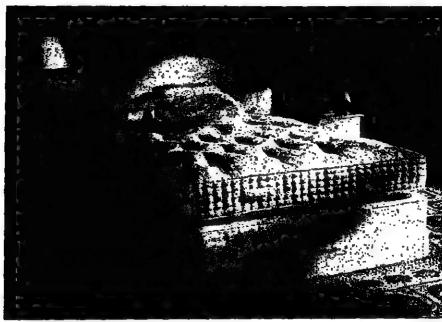
watched these people on tele-vision: they actually believed that they were being hard done by. Peeved men said that they had moved on, had a new life, new family and why couldn't the rest of us understand that? But we cannot all be free spirits we do have obligations, however irritating these may be. Men who bleat about the unfair expense of having to support their

contempt. Instead they are listened to sympathetically.

Everyone wants to gratify their own desires regardless of what reality demands of them. I read recently an account of a woman who'd married and had a baby with a man who had three children from a previous marriage. When these poor children's mother died and the children had to come and live with her, she complained of being deprived of her life with her husband and their child alone. It is lunatic for a woman to marry a man with three children and expect a life alone with him, as if they didn't exist. Unfortunately, this is how a good many men feel things should be, too. One cannot and should not legislate against people's selfishness, or refuse them the right to their wicked self-delusions, but we really do not want a government agency colluding with them in all of it.

Frank Field, the Labour MP who has attacked the CSA for having, in effect, granted an amnesty to all those men who ignore letters sent to them by the agency, is absolutely right. He wants to recoup money from errant fathers through the tax sys-tem. That makes all of us feel nervous - it sounds so coer cive, so illiberal — but if the nice cop can't get results may

be it is time for the nasty cop.
At the moment the CSA is not even managing to get one in four of the men it contacts to pay something towards their own children. Yet it is still seen as an ideologically suspect crusading body. It says something about what's really being allowed to go on that any attempt to make men financially responsible for their own children is seen as a desire for revenge rather than



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s a cutting-edge media guru on constant alert for new TV formats designed to ensure my never having to do an honest day's work again. I can't tell you how excited I am by what came to me. out of the blue, last Sunday. I was lying on my couch in a vacant and pensive mood composed of two parts Vat 69 to one part Hugh Scully banging on about bun-footed Ming chronometers, when there suddenly flashed upon my inward eye a vision of how not merely to pinch but to double the al-ready remarkable audience of 12 million his

My show will be called The Non-Antiques
Road Show. It is based on the premise that while only some people are interested in curious things some people have, everybody is interested in curious things everybody has. Our scene now shifts to the head of a five-

Punter: I wondered what this was. It goes thunk-thunk-thunk and lurches round the

Expert: How long has it been in your family? Punter: One year, five days, but it has been doing this only five days.

Expert: What did it do before that?

Punter: It did crockery. We thought it was a dishwasher.

Expert: Close. It is in fact a former dishwasher. It is now a tin box. If you'd just help me lean it over so that we can examine the underside, thanks, do you see that little tag? It's called a warranty.

Punter: How interesting! What does it do? Expert: It ran out five days ago, How much did you pay for the piece? Punter: £395. We love it for itself, of course, but we did sort of wonder what it would fetch

if it came up at auction today. Expert: Nothing, Next! Punter 2: I was hoping you could identify

Expert: I'm not sure I can. I've never seen anything like it. It appears to be a drawer standing on four vertical shelves, topped by a horizontal door bearing a display of assorted knobs. How did you come by it? Punter 2: I made it from a kit. The box said it

was a sideboard. Expert: I see. And you followed the

instructions? Punter 2: Yes. They were in Japanese, but my old man was in Changi so he knew the odd word. By the way, it is one of a pair. The other box said it was a bunk-bed, but it came out the same. Are they collectible?

Expert: Only if you no the binmen. Next! Punter 3: I was given this as a wedding present. I don't know what it is, but when you put a slice of bread in it. it turns black

Expert: Fascinating! If I were you I'd insure it to the hilt immediately.

Punter 3: Wow! So it's something of special interest, then?

Expert: Only to lawyers. If a guest tried it and got fused to the National Grid, you could be looking at the wrong end of six figures.

Punter 4: My wife and I just moved house. and we were very excited to find this stuck away in the attic. Can you tell me what it is? Expert: It is an exercise bicycle.

Punter 4: What is it for? Expert: It is for sticking away in the attic.

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Punter 5: My father was a keen gardener. and built up a huge collection of these items which I have just inherited. What are they? Expert: They are known to the trade as sprinklers. You attach them to a hose, run into the spray, hit them with a stick so that they turn twice, then you go out and buy

Punter 5: Should I hang on to them? Expert: Only if you want to be hurled across

Punter 6: For years we used this to prop open the back door, never imagining it was worth anything, until a friend said he

thought it might be Chinese. Is he right? Expert: Yes. I'm preny sure it's a crispy duck from, at a guess, the late 1980s. The boom in takeaway food has brought countless rare artefacts to our attention. I recently saw a slice of deep-dish pizza which had been down the side of a sofa since the Royal Wedding.



Say no to a new ERM

his Friday, the European Union's finance ministers and central bank governors will meet in Verona "informally". In EU fashion. "informals" are where the most important economic decisions are taken, as far away as possible from even the pretence of accountability. The Verona gathering looks likely to be the most explosive since the Bath meeting in September 1992. The common factor is, of course, the dreaded exchange-rate mechanism (ERM), the most perfect instrument ever devised for ruining economies and setting Community countries at each other's throats.

The European Union, said President Chirac of France, must provide itself with a means of "punishing" countries that do not "accept the common discipline" imposed by the establishment of a monetary union among a small group of European countries, the self-elected "hard core" of Germany, France, the Benelux and Austria. What this would mean in practice, if the "hard core" countries (the "ins") get their way. is that the EU countries that do not participate (the "outs") will have to submit instead to a new ERM.

The demands of the "ins" are illuminating. When monetary union was being sold to the uneasy populations of the European countries, it was presented both as the gateway to an economic nirvana and as an indispensible symbol of the fellow-feeling of European peoples. At Verona, we shall see the unpleasant reality behind this most pernicious of all Euro-myths.

The "ins" are afraid that if other countries retain the freedom to manage monetary policy in their own interest they will be at an advantage. The "ins" talk of discriminatory trade measures or even fines being imposed on "outs" that refuse to join a new ERM. They are signalling that life outside the euro might turn out to be life in the comfort zone, not out in the cold: monetary union is not so much a two-speed process as a

two-class system. Some countries are more equal than others. For the self-electing oligarchy of Single Currency Farm, the Union's interest means their interest, or at least their misguided conceptions of their interest. They are prepared to pursue it even at the expense of further damaging any sense of legality and fairness in the way the EU operates, of destroying the Single Market and of abandoning the stated underlying objectives of the EU.

At Verona, Clarke should resist the

threats of the hard men of Europe's hard core, says Bernard Connolly

Why should potential "outs" agree at Verona to a new mechanism? The socalled "southern periphery" - Italy. Spain. Portugal and Greece - unwisely wants to participate in a single currency as soon as the hard core will allow. This will probably turn out to be never; the "ins" would be much happier to maintain indefinitely a mark II ERM which allowed them to dictate the monetary and economic policies of the southern countries than to allow them into, in effect, a political union. But the hope, however naive and misguided, that they might someday be granted entry to the inner circle is likely to make the southern countries jump when they are told to jump. If ever reason prevailed. the whip of a drastic reduction in EU handouts will be cracked when the EU's financial settlement (the "Delors [1] package) comes up for renegotiation in

ritain and Sweden are in a very different position. In both countries, government heavyweights want to be part of the single currency, but their populations are dead against it. Neither government can openly appeal to desire for future monetary union as an excuse for acceding to hard-core demands. And neither country can be threatened by an amoutation of EU transfer payments: indeed they would benefit from it, since they pay far more into the Euro-coffers than they get out (BSE or no).

Would they, then, be breaking any EU laws or agreements if they refused to join up for the "common discipline" of a new ERM? On the face of it, the answer is "no". For that we have to thank Norman Lamont, who, according to his account of the Maastricht negotiations, headed off an attempt by John Major and Douglas Hurd to have ERM membership made legally binding. But Maastricht stipulates that the "outs" have to treat their exchange rates as a matter of common interest (no similar obligation is imposed on the "ins"). And a one article obliges member countries to facilitate the EU's tasks and to avoid any action that could jeopardise the Union's objectives, including the single currency.

The "ins" will try to interpret these two articles, however dubiously, as requiring the "outs" to manage their monetary policies and exchange rates for the benefit of the "ins". Since some of the more obvious candidates for "out" status are the EU's poorer countries, that interpretation runs counter to the underlying objectives of "solidarity" and social cohesion". The interpretation would also involve macroeconomic instability and difficulties in structural improvement for the "outs", running counter to the treaty's objectives of sustainable and non-inflationary growth, convergence of economic performance, a high level of employment and raised standards of living.

Unfortunately, a common-sense reading of the treaty will cut no ice with the hard men of the hard core. They will claim. in the face of a wide contrary consensus among economists, that the Single Market cannot operate properly if there are movements among the EU currencies. (This argument, incidentally, was not made when the Single Market programme was being agreed: instead, it was conveniently "discovered" as soon as the signatures were on the 1986 treaty revision required for the implementing legislation.)

It is this specious argument that will be used to justify the threat of trade sanctions and fines against Britain. Yet there is no provision within the treaty for the whole central thrust of the Common Market, as the EU was once reassuringly known. This seems to be of little moment in hard-core eyes. But sanctions would require a treaty revision opening the Pandora's box of reratification that France, more than any other country, is afraid of. And tinkering with Britain's net EU contribution would require the approval of Parliament, something that would surely never be forthcoming, whether before or after a general election.

If Kenneth Clarke has the guts - and if he really wants to do so - he can simply refuse to play ball at Verona. More likely, however, the British Gov-

ernment will try to avoid a stand-off. It is well known that Clarke will argue for the maintenance of Britain's present inflation-targeting approach to economic management. But it has also been reported that Britain will offer to have its policies and performance monitored by the EU - in effect by the Commission acting on behalf of the "ins".

The judgment that would be applied would certainly not take Britain's interest as its basis. After all, Belgium's Finance Minister. Philippe Maystadt, one of the fiercest proponents of a discriminatory approach, recently proclaimed that the point of monetary union was to prevent "an encroachment of Anglo-Saxon values" in Europe. The real fear of the hard core, hidden behind the twisted rhetoric about preserving the Single Market, is that Britain will become too successful an exemplar of a free-market economic model that has little in common with the Rhineland model underlying the EU.

corpting an increased degree of EU influence over Britain's economic policies would there-In force be economically dama ing to the country. Even worse, it would represent a cession of national sovereignty on a par with that of the secret Treaty of Dover in 1670, when Charles II accepted handouts from Louis XIV in return for a commitment to tailor English foreign policy to suit French interests. The Glorious Revolution, enshrining parliamentary sovereignty as protector of the national interest, followed soon after in the brief reign of Charles's successor.

A reassertion of national and parliamentary sovereignty is urgently needed in response to the ever-increasing encroachments of the Maastricht treaty. For that treaty itself revolutionised the EU. It enshrined the supposed Com-munity interest (for which read the Franco-German interest, the bureaucratic interest and the corporatist interest) as separate from and higher than the pursuit by the member states of

national interests. It is for that reason that Verona even if, against all the indications, Kenneth Clarke is prepared to tough it out - can at best be no more than a holding operation. Britain must rethink the philosophy it embraced, albeit with distaste, at Maastricht. The one virtue of the "ins and outs" debate may be to make that clear to everyone.

Simon Jenkins is away

former Australian ambassador A has been charged with sex of-fences committed against children while overseas. His arrest draws urgent attention to one of the most submerged social problems of the modern world. Child prostitution is a brutish trade in human life. It is ruthlessly legislated against in Britain. but sex tourists can travel abroad to Asia, Latin America, Africa and former communist bloc countries to feed their tastes. This dehumanising industry thrives in the developing world like some perverse travesty of colonisation. Children from impoverished rural families are lured to the cities only to be ensuared in debt by prostitution syndi-cates. At risk of violence and disease,

An end to

child sex

tourism

Britain must act,

Rachel Campbell-

Johnston writes

they are obliged to engage in activities which they are too young to choose freely. Often they are beaten, starved and drugged into passivity. The extent of this industry is, of course, hard to monitor, but higher estimates are vertiginous: some 200,000 Vepalese children have been sold into sexual slavery in India; in Thailand perhaps as many as a quarter of a million children work in brothels; in Colombia one third of all prostitutes are

thought to be under the age of 14. It is a cause of national shame that the British should be among the worst offenders. The Government is backing a Private Member's Bill to make it an offence to organise sex tours involving children. It had its second successful Commons reading on February 2 and is to go on to the report stage later this month. Paedophile tour operators could

face the sternest semences.

We should welcome this Bill as a first step. But its implementation, involving as it does the extension of existing conspiracy laws, will present formidable difficulties. Offending tour operators have already fied underground, spreading information through the Internet and under-the-counter magazines. Even if they are brought to trial, it will be practically impossible to pin upon them direct responsibility for the actions of their clients. Besides, paedophiles intent on sex tend to act in isolation, slipping unnoticeably into the mass of holiday-makers on the move. What Britain really needs is a further, more stringent law targeting the abusers themselves.

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At present, British authorities are restricted to assisting with information and extraditing paedophiles suspected of crimes abroad. But in March last year, Lord Hylton introduced a Private Member's Bill in the House of Lords which would make it possible to try offenders in British courts. Similar egislation is already on the statute books in the United States. Australia, Germany, France, Sweden and Norway.

The British Government, however, is reluctant to follow suit. It is prudently wary of interfering with the laws of other nations, or setting a precedent in extraterritorial jurisdiction. What if other countries took this as their model? Would we approve of fundamentalist Islamic governments bringing cases against their own nationals who were known to have got drunk while on holiday over here?

ounting a feasible case would prove both complicated and expensive. Bringing witnesses to court, for instance - a key requirement of English law — is not simple when an offence is committed overseas, and even less so where children are involved. Minors cannot simply be transplanted into an alien culture for the duration of a trial and then returned & home, most especially in cases where they risk the retribution of former employers. If legislation were to be ineffective, it could also be severely counterproductive, deterring foreign governments from action.

But the presence of obstacles cannot justify inaction. Britain already has extraterritorial legislation for war crimes and genocide, and sexual offences against children could be considered as grave an infringement of human rights as these. Options of escape should be closed to nationals who, convicted abroad, slip loose by bribing officials or jumping bail. Indeed, considering that countries such as the Philippines are now threatening to impose the death sentence on child abusers, a British trial sounds more humane.

The appointment of more police liaison officers (already stationed in many countries for the drugs trade) to monitor child abuse, coupled with the use of video evidence and the crossquestioning of witnesses over live satellite link, can overcome many of the specific evidence laws. The Swedes have shown that such legislation can work. They brought a successful case against one of their nationals last year, and aid agencies have since noticed a marked decline in the number of Swedes abusing children abroad.

In August a world congress on the sexual exploitation of children is to be held in Stockholm. Britain ought to send a high-level delegation, able to make commitments on its behalf. There is much that the Government could do to goad the reluctant developing world into prosecuting paedophiles. The police database on paedophiles could, with proper safeguards, be made available and prosecuting authorities. Aid programmes could be extended to offer imaginative alternatives to communities living off the prostitution earnings of their children. Political pressure could be exerted on those who receive its tourists to ensure that they do not. disgrace their country. It is the least the world's children are entitled to expect.

Gripe water

BARONESS Philippine de Rothschild, chatelaine of one of the finest wine-houses in France, has fallen victim to political correct-ness. She has been forced to change the label on a prize vintage of Château Mouton Rothschild because American consumers have objected to the fruity little picture it sports of a naked



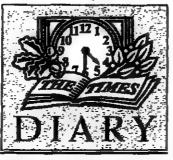
The vintage wine label, but not as America will see it

The labels on more than 30,000 bottles of the 1993 vintage (estimated value: £60 per bottle) destined for the United States have been ripped off to be replaced with nondescript versions without the

The Baroness, who commis-sioned the picture by the Swissbased artist Balthus, is said to be flummoxed by this American prudery. As I reported when the abel was launched last year, she is intensely proud of its sensuality. The fragile and mysterious girl Balthus has drawn seems to hint at some secret promise of undiscovered pleasure," she gushed at the time. "A pleasure to be

Mouton Rothschild has invited painters to decorate its win extraordinaire every year since 1945. Dali, Mirò, Chagall, Bacon and even Warhol all daubed their marks on the Baroness's bottles. But never before has any artist been considered too earthy for the

nalates of crusty penophiles. A Middle Eastern farmer has offered the Queen four of his best camels, to replace any herds of cattle destined for slaughter. Ahmed al-Hiswah has informed a



Yemen newspaper that camel is the ideal alternative for shoppers worried about "mad cow" disease. Camel steaks are lean, tender, full of vitamins, and free of chemicals and hormones," he explains.

Unflagging

EURO-SCEPTICS are rejoicing at Conservative Central Office in Westminster: the Union Jack has been raised after a seven-year gap. In 1989, Kenneth Baker replaced the red, white and blue with a new party flag sporting the dreadful limp-wristed torch. This has always grated with deputy chairman Michael Trend, the MP for

Windsor, and he has at last struck. Armed with evidence from a recent survey of membership which showed that Conservatives favoured greater use of the Union

Jack, he stormed into the chairman's office, deployed grassroots sentiment, and in a lightning coup gained the necessary authority. The Baker torch is now confined to the dusty shelves where it belongs.

 The debates at the Cambridge Union next term have taken on a saucy tone. Along with "This House enjoys Pornography", there will be an Ann Summers night in the chamber. Attendance will be limited strictly to ladies.

Knives out

AN UGLY rumour is doing the rounds in the kitchens of Soho. Two of the angriest young men in London, Marco Pierre White and Damien "pickler" Hirst, are said to be tearning up to launch their own restaurant.

I'm told that the chef and the artist have their sights set on a Soho establishment called Leoni's Quo Vadis, although Marco Pierre White was noncommittal vesterday. "I cannot pass comment," he said. Should rumour become fact, diners will surely be surrounded by pickled farm animals.

Leg men

IF THE Princess of Wales thinks she is having a hard time over her



Senator Bob Dole stripped and ready for political action

legs, she should try being an American presidential candidate. In Washington, talk of legs has put Tony Blair's sightseeing trip in the

Last week Senator Bob Dole, the likely Republican candidate, who has kept his pins well covered since an ill-advised appearance on a treadmill last year, showed them off while relaxing in Bal Harbour. Florida. Wearing a casual T-shirt over a richly-fed belly, the 72-yearold opted for the skimplest of shorts to reveal a pair of "gams"

far superior to President Clinton's gelatinous thighs.

Dole's team is claiming a tri-

umph. We've had nothing but compliments," says his spokes-man Clarkson Hine. And as for those shorts, they are perfectly appropriate for someone as physically fit as Senator Dole." The President's advisers, meanwhile, have advised him to wear tracksuit bottoms when jogging.





WALK SOFTLY

Ulster needs firm policing but sensitive politics

The stifled drums from south Belfast sound of the Ulster Unionist Party. Mr Trimble will be at the march again this year, but now a warning for peace in Ulster. The unfortu-nate scenes of violence between loyalist marchers and the Royal Ulster Constabulary this week do not augur well for the difficult months ahead. The Protestant marching season coincides with the preparations for elections to Northern Ireland's peace convention. If Ulster is to avoid a descent into communal violence then a mixture of delicacy and resolution will be required to maintain public order and sustain political progress.

There were mercifully few casualties in the rioting on Monday night but the expression of loyalist frustration was far more strident than even pessimists expected. The marchers may have argued that they were asserting their traditional rights. Certainly, unlike the republicans who met in Londonderry the day before, the Apprentice Boys do not march for armed rebellion against elected governments. Even so, the

RUC was right to prevent them proceeding.
Since the end of the IRA ceasefire republicans have restricted their bombing to the British mainland. If, as many suspect, the IRA is looking for an excuse to extend its campaign to Ulster, a loyalist parade through a Roman Catholic area on the 80th anniversary of the Easter Rising could have provided one. The marchers, like the other citizens of the United Kingdom, must occasionally accept the curtailment of their liberties in an effort to contain terror.

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Many of the traditional marches this season may pass without incident but it is likely that there will be other even more fraught confrontations. In July, the Orangemen of Portadown will attempt to walk the route that culminated last year in the scenes of civil unrest now known as the siege of Drumcree. It was David Trimble's willingness to stand up for his constituents' rights then that helped to propel him to leadership

there is a darker mood.

Tensions among the working-class loyalist communities of Ulster appear even greater than last year. Although the framework documents on Uister's future had aroused Unionist lears of a weakening of the Province's position within the UK, the IRA ceasefire was in place and republicans had to hand over weapons before they could enter talks. Now, although mainstream Unionism has more open, attractive and assertive leaders in David Trimble and the avowedly non-sectarian North Down independent, Robert McCartney, there are worrying signs. The IRA's resumption of violence has profoundly unsettled the Unionist majority. Loyalist paramilitaries, particularly in mid-Ulster around Portadown, are restive. Moreover, the perception exists among Unionists that a fixed date for talks and a softer line from some on arms decomissioning are concessions to republicans.

Ulster's Unionist majority requires reassurance. A firm line on policing should be accompanied by a political stance sensitive to Unionist fears. Proposals from Dublin that the IRA might be entired into another tactical ceasefire with the prospect of separating political talks and progress on decommissioning should be unambiguously opposed. Softening would unsettle Unionists without satisfying the IRA.

Republican rhetoric at the weekend suggests that the IRA will continue its campaign, calculating that elections in Ireland and Britain will deliver more pliable administrations. The best hope remains, as always, in a commitment to stable and accountable rule in Ulster and the best route lies through respect for democratic principles. If the Government gives forth an uncertain sound, the angry beat of the loyalist drum is likely to

GO WEST, YOUNG MEN

British politics looks to America for inspiration

Tony Blair arrives in New York today at the start of a high-profile visit to the United States. John Redwood left for Washington yesterday. The purposes of the two trips are somewhat different. Mr Redwood's aim is to burnish the intellectual credibility of the Conservative 2000 Foundation with which he is associated. Mr Blair, playing the part of Prime Minister in waiting, hopes for blanket coverage of the Bill-and-Tony show.

But Mr Blair will also be acknowledging at that new Democratic Party. On economics, the importance of education and innovations in welfare and training, both he and Gordon Brown have borrowed openly from the Clinton Administration, especially Robert Reich, the current Labour Secretary.

Labour is hardly alone in its fascination with things American. For all the easy assumptions that the special relationship is irrelevant to the post-Cold War world, America remains the place to which British politicians flock for new notions. Michael Howard's controversial law and order initiatives - built around the principle of extended mandatory minimum sentences comes fresh from California and the American "three strikes and you're out" laws.

Thatcherites look longingly to Newt Gingrich and the Republican majority in the House of Representatives for policy renewal; this is Mr Redwood's fourth visit to Washington since leaving the Cabinet. A Conservative defeat at the next general election, coupled with the return of a Republican Congress, would start a stampede towards such ideas among aspirants for John Major's crown. Even Paddy Ashdown seems enamoured by Mr Gingrich's example, the Republican Contract with America concept having reappeared here as the "Liberal Democrat Guarantee".

America is not alone in offering inspiration. Conservatives have enthused about public sector reform in New Zealand, while Mr Blair has, at least until the recent departure of Paul Keating, been obviously intrigued by Australian policies. Singapore apparently tempts him. All of these places are even further from Europe than the United States.

Labour Party thinkers used to look to Germany on economic philosophy and to Sweden for a social welfare model. Fourteen years of Christian Democrat dominance in Bonn and the continued dire state of the Social Democrats there have cooled Labour's interest in Germany, while the economic bankruptcy of the Swedish model has ended its infatuation with the Swedes.

The reasons for American influence are not difficult to explain. A highly dynamic society composed of 50 states and numerous large cities is a laboratory for government. American universities dominate global social science research, as they do the natural sciences. Their work is supplemented by hundreds of think-tanks backed by a vast private philanthropic practice that is the envy of those attempting similar studies in London. The power of ideas is not, however, the sole explanation. Comparable political systems, shared historical experience and the enormous advantage of a common language continue to matter, as the interest in Australia, New Zealand, and even Singapore confirm. It has become fashionable to assume that post-Maastricht, British politics has become "Europeanised"; but the trade in ideas has never relied solely or even primarily on geographical proximity.

Bring on the horse-radish and serve

"I am a great eater of beef, and I believe that does harm to my wit," declared Sir Andrew Aguecheek. Modern Britain is just discovering the wisdom in his buffconery. A slaughterman spotting a new beef-averse market is opening what he claims to be the first British butcher's shop to specialise exclusively in horsemeat. At Cheval Butchers in Smethwick, Bob Walker will offer the best cuts of horseflesh for as little as 20p a pound for the cheaper cuts - the saddle perhaps - and 80p for the best.

Mr Walker is merely revitalising an old trade in this country. During the Second World War, business was brisk for this unrationed meat. In 1947 around 19,000 horses were slaughtered for human consumption. Horseflesh continued to grace British menus for several more years, a consequence of tractors displacing working horses.

Cart-horses were regarded as the tastiest bargains, followed by Irish vanners, circus ponies and Shetland ponies. Their lean, stringy meat is low in fat and high in protein. Its sweetish taste - caused by the high starch content of muscle tissue - is offset by onions. The French, and even more the Belglians, know that. Give him diced steak de cheval, a few kilos of potatoes and a saucepan of sauerkraut and that dull glutton, the average Hercule, glows with gustatory anticipation. But could the British beef-eater again become a chevalier? Every nation enjoys its peculiar provender. Eskimos suck on the eyes of seals. Eritreans crunch locusts down Peruvian gullets and Romanies

turous trenchermen. Ben Jonson, inviting a friend to his mirthful board, proffered every avian delicacy from godwit and knot to rail and ruff. But in a more modern age, even as emu and ostrich are promoted by British butchers, a squeamish sentimentality stops us feasting on our more familiar fauna.

Powell, besieged in Maleking, discovered more ways than one to cook a cat.

Fortunately, despite BSE, today's situation is not quite that drastic. But unwanted or injured horses are chopped up for dog food every day. We might learn to eat horse adopted Norman derivations for our other from mouton - so the Anglo-Saxon horse. cheval. It will be a welcome addition to our diet and a fresh challenge to our galloping gourmets. Hors d'oeuvres may never mean quite the same thing again.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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come entrenched patterns of racist be-

haviour and the cultural attitudes that

underpin such behaviour. If the CRE

settles for monitoring as a first wea-

pon, it will be seen by large sections of

Britain's ethnic minority population

as at best a fudge or at worst a farce.

Sir, Sue Cameron, in her article on the

culture of the Armed Forces ("A new

model ministry", March 27), draws an important distinction between the res-

ponse of the Chiefs of Staff to homo-

phobia on the one hand ('there is a

good chance that the European Court

of Human Rights will overturn the

ban'l and to racism on the other ("the

start of a real drive to change atti-

The MoD's ban on homosexuals serving in the Armed Forces promotes

homophobia amongst service person-

nel. It is not surprising then that its re-

view found that the majority of per-

sonnel do not wish homosexuals to

serve in the Armed Forces (report,

March 5). The Government's re-

sponse is to reinforce this homopho-

bia by recommending that the ban

Yet when the Commission for Rac-

ial Equality finds that our Armed For-

ces are racist (reports, March 28, later

editions, and March 29), the Govern-

ment announces steps to combat the

Here, it seems to me, is a clear case

of double standards: discrimination is

discrimination, whether against gays

Former servicemen and women dis-

missed for their homosexuality will

now have to rely on the European

courts to ensure that a civilised gov-ernment cannot discriminate against

any single class of its citizens. The cost

to taxpayers in compensation for the MoD's blatant homophobia will be

Vice Chairman, Tory Campaign

for Homosexual Equality).

Summerland Gardens, Nio.

34 Summerland Grange,

should therefore stay.

Yours sincerely,

April 2

tudes".

situation.

or coloured people.

Yours, DAVID ALLEN

April 3.

PAUL STEPHENSON,

12 Downs Park East, Westbury Park, Bristol.

From Mr David Allen

'Fudge' on prejudice in the Forces

From Mr Paul Stephenson

Sir, The order issued by the commanding officer of the Household Cavalry that every member of that regiment must attend race relations classes as part of his training (report, March 29) is welcome as far as it goes.

However, it must come as a biner disappointment to many black personnel presently in the Armed Forces that the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE) has shown no immediate intention of acting swiftly and decisively to curb further the acts of racial discrimination which their own investigation has proved to be widespread throughout the British Army (report, March 28, later editions).

As a black former senior executive officer with the CRE, experience has taught me that monitoring aspects of racism and discrimination to detect behaviour and equality of opportunity has little impact on actually changing patterns and culture of racist behaviour within large institutions. The NHS, Civil Service and police forces have been monitoring their personnel within the conlines of equal opportunities for years but have hardly dented patterns of widespread racism in those institutions.

The CRE's decision to leave discretionary powers to senior officers in the Armed Forces in dealing with initial complaints of discrimination is hardly likely to increase the confidence of black personnel when making a complaint against their colleagues or in-deed in the whole complaints proce-

The efforts used by the Prince of Wales in trying to influence the elite Guards regiments to accept black soldiers on equal terms into their ranks proved disastrous, in that Guardsman Richard Stokes, on whom Prince Charles had focused his attention, felt forced to leave the Grenadier Guards after three years (report, July 14, 1990), apparently through lack of support against racism and racist threats and bullying.

I suggest that the CRE should now step up its campaign for the right of black service personnel to independently take their complaints to industrial tribunal, as in the case of serving police officers. At the same time, it should issue the MoD with a non-discrimination notice, making clear its

determination to enforce it. Monitoring is not enough to over-

Sir. The Archbishop of York's letter

(March 29) on the law of blasphemy.

which is being challenged in the Euro-pean Court of Human Rights (report,

March 26), reviews a subject which

should have been tackled by Parlia-

In February that year the House of

Lords upheld the convictions obtained

by Mary Whitehouse against the edi-

tor and publishers of a magazine cal-

led Gay News. Their Lordships ex-

pressed concern that other recognised

Blasphemy law

From Mr Roy Edev

ment since 1979.

The Satanic Verses. He alleged blasphemous libel against Allah. The refusal to grant a summons was upheld by the High Court (Law Report, April

It is necessary for the protection of society to have criminal sanctions against an insult so grave to one's faith that it is likely to cause a breach of the peace. The law should be changed, All recognised faiths should be protected from religious discrimination or incitement to religious hatred.

Such legislation would be along the lines of the race-protection laws which have been on the statute book for many years.

faiths were not similarly protected by Yours faithfully, In 1989 Mr Abdul Hussain Choud-ROY EDEY, Lower Flat, Field House North, hury sought to lay information before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate West Street, Harrow, Middlesex. against the author and publishers of April 3.

company executives.

Marketing speak

From Mr Christopher Harris

Sir, I am perennially amused and irri-

tated by the glib flimflam that market-

ing people use to extract vast sums of

money out of otherwise intelligent

Your story (Media and Marketing.

April 3) about Pepsi's \$500 million

change of image is a stark example of

the profitability of well-packaged psy-

For example, we are told that Pep-

si's change of script from italic to up-right subliminally conveys the mes-sage that the drink is "confident" and

"stands on its own two feet". Leaving

aside the fact that the name is printed

sideways, what possible evidence can

This sort of thing is on a par with

graphology and physiognomy, two other pseudo-sciences that lack a

the question remains: why do corpor

ate decision-makers fall for this sort of

there be for this asinine assertion?

Teaching and learning From Dr Frank Beavington

Sir, Dr Gold (letter, April 2) states

"teaching and learning at the new universities (former polytechnics) was probably always of a higher standard than at the older universities because ... they were principally teaching in-

However, teachers who are active in research can communicate their enthusiasm for work being done nationally and internationally at the frontiers of knowledge adding greatly to the value of their courses, especially at second and third year degree level. Yours faithfully, F. BEAVINGTON,

Church Farm House, Ryarsh, Kent. Anril 3.

Standards at the bench From Mr Alfred Finer, JP

Sir, Should not the whole of the magistracy (letters, March 27, April 3) be reorganised on a stipendiary basis? It would ensure more speed, more efficiency, less cost, less back-stabbing and a professional approach.

Yours faithfully, ALFRED FINER 23 Highview Gardens, Finchley, N3. April 3.

shred of empirical proof. We should be grateful to the author of the article for mocking, albeit mildly, the efforts of these silly people. But

thing?

Yours truly, CHRISTOPHER HARRIS. 17 Rookwood Court, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey.

Blair's blend of faith and politics

From the Reverend Michael Windridge

Sir, In his Sunday Telegraph interview (report and leading article, April S). Tony Blair claimed that his former leader, John Smith, epitomised the decency of the Scottish Presbyterian tradition. I'm sure he is right in that judgment

As someone who had the privilege of working at close quarters with another party leader, Margaret Thatcher, during the 1987 general election campaign, I hope that Mr Blair's generosity of spirit will extend across the political divide, and allow that the former Prime Minister's Christian faith, similarly, lies at the heart of both her own continuing sense of public service and duty, and also motivates the many kindnesses she expresses in her personal dealings.

Significantly, an increasing number of my dergy colleagues in the Church of England, and a growing proportion of members of its parish congregations, find little sympathy with, and even less charity for, anyone who supports the principles of modern Conservatism. This goes beyond mere political hostility: their hand-shake of peace and understanding is extended only so far as what their leftof-centre consciences dictate is the exact centre ground. Beyond that, to the right, dwell the political untouch-

The contemporary Church of England may be a broad-based church in its commendable preparedness to wel-come more varied patterns of liturgi-cal expression. But, when it comes to the party political debate. I believe a declining number of its members are open-minded enough to examine the legitimacy of Conservative economic and social beliefs. So preoccupied have they been in their excoriation of Conservative policies and politicians over the last decade, that the established Church has given scant theological attention, either in public prayer or in intellectual study, to assessing and af-firming the wealth-creating components of our competitive international market economy.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is re-ported to have declined to remark on Mr Blair's views. I hope he will make it plain, publicly, that there is still room in today's Church of England for Christians who believe in the spontaneous forces of society and the inability of governments to determine human destiny.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL WINDRIDGE, Broaden Lane, Hemphall, Norfolk.

From Mr Dominic Hobson

Sir, Philosophically, Mr Blair wants to have it both ways. He wants to be the liberal-relativist who does not force his opinions on anyone else, respects other faiths, relishes religious plurality, is baffled by sectarianism and refuses to decide whether Judas,

Pontius Pilate and Saint Peter were either good or bad. But he also wants to be the socialist-authoritarian who imposes a common set of values: "Unless boundaries are set and agreed, and judgments of good and bad made," he writes, "society cannot

function well or fairly." This contradiction bedevils all modern liberal thinking, and it would be unreasonable to expect a mere politician to resolve it. But we are entitled to ask which Mr Blair is likely to predominate in office. The Sunday Telegraph article suggests that it will be the socialist authoritarian. Mr Blair appears to be blind to the possibility that self-interested actions can benefit society, and to equate individualism with greed: people are of "equal" rather than unique worth; individuals have relationships not with each other but with "society" or "the community" or "the common good".

Most importantly, Mr Blair seems to think that we can fulfil our duty towards each other only through the political system, not through personal or corporate giving. By robbing people of the money to make choices the State diminishes personal responsibility and moral opportunity.

Despite the redundancy of such terms today Mr Blair persists in describing himself as a figure of the Left rather than of the Right. This canard surely cannot survive the revelation that he has now attracted the support even of the Archdeacon of York.

Yours faithfully, DOMINIC HOBSON, 62 Manchuria Road, Battersea, SWII.

From the Director of the Conservative Christian Fellowship

Sir, Your editorial warns of the dangers of bringing the Bible into politics. I would agree, and it is certainly true that the Bible does not give clear guidance on a lot of socio-economic issues raised by Mr Blair in his controversial

It does give clear guidance on some issues, however, including abortion and homosexuality. The biblical messages are tough in these respects and do not have to be party political, but I would suggest that claims to a superior understanding of scripture from the modern Labour and Liberal Deniocrat parties, when they are so domi-nated by political correctness, must be very dubious.

Humanity is humbled by the need for Jesus's death on the Cross - politicians no less so. Any Christian in politics must treat opponents with love and charity inerciors, but the way that the message should be delivered does not change the nature of the message.

Yours sincerely, TIM MONTGOMERIE,

Easter parade

From Mr Barry Shooter

ers, staff and my business.

Director. Conservative Christian Fellowship, 12b Widecombe Court, Lyttelion Road, N2 April 8.

Sir, I am a community pharmacist

who provides a 365 days a year service

to the obvious benefit of my custom-

London Borough of Havering on Eas-

ter Sunday should have provided a

mechanised street-cleaner service for

myself and my neighbours in the

noon on Easter Monday the London

Borough of Redbridge should have

dispatched traffic wardens to the then

sleepy suburban shopping parade on

which my pharmacy is situated.

155 Manford Way, Chigwell, Essex.

Sir. Building a national millennium

exhibition at Greenwich is a fine idea.

But the current speed of construction

of the British Library and the Channel

Tunnel rail link suggest that an imme-

diate start must be made if we are to

complete the project by the year 3000.

Yours sincerely.

April 8.

BARRY SHOOTER,

Target date

From Mr R. B. Cruse

i was equally baffled as to why at

quiet cul-de-sac in which we live.

it is less obvious to me as to why the

An outlaw for today

From Mr.J. B. Booth

Sir. My great-grandfather, General William Booth, would have been amused to be likened to Robin Hood by Miss Clare Falvey (letter, March 30). He was certainly adept at persuading the well-off to contribute substantially to the Salvation Army's work for the suffering and needy. And he never gave up the fight.

In his last days he said: "I have been trying all my life to stretch out my arms so as to reach with one hand the poor, and at the same time keep in touch with the rich. But my arms are

not long enough."

The object of this philanthropy was the same then as it is today; to alleviate despair and distress and to urge the recipient to seek God's help in redirecting his or her life. Setting up the People's Mission, which later became the Salvation Army, William declared: "No one gets a blessing if they have cold feet and nobody ever got saved while they had toothache!" Yours faithfully,

JOHN BOOTH 10 Wynford Green. Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. April 2

Spelling it out From Mr R. J. Harrington

Sir, BSE? Blame Somebody Else. Yours faithfully, R. J. HARRINGTON.

7 Elven Lane, East Dean, Eastbourne, Sussex.

their lives" as BAG suggest.

Yours faithfully,

New Milton, Hampshire.

Crossword times

From Mr Oliver Gillie

R. B. CRUSE.

3 Albert Road,

April 9.

Sir, Mrs Mary Matthews (letter, April i) surely draws the wrong conclusion about the number of heads and their relative effectiveness in solving your crossword puzzles. In this house, the two of us find that by combining forces we improve our effectiveness by an order of magnitude, and I know this to be true for many others. The conclusion must be that the ser-

ious solvers, the greyhounds of the discipline so to speak, are so far ahead of the rest of us that they spurn co-operation as transforming a modest problem into a trivial one.

I envy and salute them. Yours faithfully. OLIVER GILLIE,

126 Court Lane, SE21. April I.

OAT CUISINE as a chitinous snack, guinea-pigs vanish

prickle their palates with hedgehog. In earlier ages the British too were adven-

Jonson's coney is rapidly disappearing from the shops as a generation brought up embracing rabbits puts up dewy-eyed protest. Jodhpured daughters would as soon see their mother in the pot as their pet pony. Yet Britons are pragmatists. Suffering the pangs of Antarctic hunger, Scott wolfed down his pack horses one by one. Baden

again ourselves, if it were marketed better. The first challenge is the name. Just as we meats - beef comes from boeuf and mutton when served at table, could be known as

Burma and tourism

From Mr Paul Strachan

Sir, Your report (earlier editions, April 6) on slave labour in Burma was derived from an organisation called the Burma Action Group (BAG) whose members advise people not to visit Burma to see things for themselves. In fact, the country is enjoying peace and prosperity for the first time since the Japanese marched in in 1942.

Corvée labour does exist as it has done in Burma for over a millennium. With a barter economy in rural areas. the traditional form of taxation is in the form of labouring on public works projects. It is a requirement that if a household cannot pay a basic poll tax then one member must give up two

weeks a year to work on such projects. Without this system of civic contribution the Irrawaddy valley would be unirrigated and the people long ago disappeared from hunger. I have witnessed corvee labour used on touristrelated projects. I am a Burmese speaker and have talked closely with the villagers concerned and have found no evidence of "abuse and suffering" or the "many people who have lost

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Letters for publication should carry contract telephone numbers. We regret that we cannot accept letters by telephone but they may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046.

Such scaremongering will only hurt the ordinary Burmese people who look forward to Visit Myanmar Year

as an opportunity for betterment. If camcorder-wielding tourists had been in Rangoon in 1988 the soldiers might not have fired. Tourists make nasty regimes behave. The forced isolation that BAG advocate would only return Burma to its former Albanian state, where human rights most certainly would not flourish.

Sincerely. **PAUL STRACHAN** (Managing Director). Irrawaddy Flotilla Company, Ancaster Business Centre, Cross Street, Callander, Midland.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 9: The Duke of Edin-Patron, Outward Bound Trust, this afternoon gave a Lunchcon at Frogmore House, Windsor Home Park. The Lady Susan Hussey has

succeeded Lady Abel Smith

as Lady in Waiting to The

Patron, Haddo House Hall Arts Trust, this evening at-tended the first night of the Haddo House Choral and Operatic Society's Fiftieth Anniversary production, *Othello", at Haddo House Hall, Aberdeenshire.

Today's birthdays

Lord Brookes, 87; Professor A.E. Buckwell, agricultural economist, 49: Professor Desmond Clark, archaeologist. 80; Sir Anthony Cleaver. chairman, AEA Technology, 58; Earl De La Warr, 48; Vice-Admiral Sir Alastair Ewing, 87: Mr Patrick Garland, theatre and film director, 61; Mr A.M. Henri, former president, Liverpool Academy of Arts. 64; Mr J.H. Holroyd, civil servant, 61: Miss Gloria Hunniford, broadcaster, 56: Mr Owen Kelly, former Commissioner. City of London

Police, 64; Professor Kathleen Major, former Principal, St Hilda's College, Oxford, 90; Mr Stan Mellor, racehorse trainer, 59: Mr David Moorcroft, athlete, 43; Sir Robert Rhodes James, former MP, 63.

Mr Omar Sharif, actor, 64: Mr Tom Spencer, MEP, 48: Mr Christopher Stoddart, managing director, GMTV. 46: Mr Paul Theroux, writer, 55: Mr Rodney Walker, chairman, Sports Council, 53: Mr Harry Weblin, former chairman, Liberty. 66.

Today's anniversaries

BIRTHS: King James V of Scotland, reigned 1513-42, Lin-lithgow, 1512; John Wilmot. 2nd Earl of Rochester, poet and courtier. Ditchley. Oxfordshire, 1647: Sir John Pringle, physician and President of the Royal Society 1772, Stitchel, Roxburgh, 1707; Samuel Hahnemann, physician and founder of homoeopathic medicine, Meissen, Germany, 1755; William Hazlitt, essayist, Maidstone, 1778; Lew Walface, American Civil War general and author of Ben Hur, Brookville, Indiana, 1827; William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army. Nottingham, 1824: Joseph Pulitzer, newspaper proprietor, Makó, Hungary, 1847: George William Russell ("AE"), writer. Lurgan, Co Armagh, 1867:

George Arliss, actor, London, 1868: Vic Feather, Baron Feather. trade unionist, Bradford, 1908.

DEATHS: Joseph Lagrange, mathematician, Paris, 1813; Alexander Nasmyth, painter. Edinburgh, 1840: Glovanni Amici, astronomer, Florence, 1863: Algernon Charles Swinburne. poet and critic, London, 1909; August Lumière, pioneer of motion pictures. Lyons. 1954; Evelyn Waugh, writer, Combe Florey, Somerset, 1966.

Bananas appeared in British shops for the first time, 1633. The first British settlers arrived in South Africa. Algoa Bay. 1820.

The safety pin was patented by Walter Hunt of New York.

University news

Birmingham

Honorary degrees The writer and comedian Victoria Word, and Warwickshire county cricket captain Dermot Reeve are among 14 distinguished figures who will receive honorary degrees at the University of Birmingham's Degree Congregations in July. The full list of honorary gradu-

ands is as follows: Professor Akito Arima. Doctor of Michael Black, Doctor of Letters.

Professor Kenneth Calman, Doc-Professor Sir Anthony Epstein, Ductor of Science. Dr John Garlick, Doctor of Letters.

Advocate General Francis Jacobs, DOCUMENT OF Laws. The Right Rev David Jenkins.

Doctor of Divinity. Dr Stewart Millar, Doctor of Engineering. Professor Sir Eduardo Luigi Paolozzi. Doctor of Letters. Mr Bernd Pischetrieder, Doctor of

Engineering. Mr Dermot Reeve. Doctor of Vice-Admiral Anthony Revell. Doctor of Medicine.

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Sir Richard Scott, Doctor of Laws, Ms Victoria Wood, Doctor of

Legal appointments

Master Robert Lockley Turner, a Master of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice, to be Senior Queen's Bench Master and Queen's Remembruncer from today. Master Turner succeeds Master Topley who retired last week.

Mr Roger Grenfell Toulson, QC. to be a Justice of the High Court. assigned to the Queen's Bench

Appointment

The Right Rev Michael Adie, former Bishop of Guildford, is the new Provost of the Southern Division of the Woodard Corporation. the largest group of independent church schools in England. He succeeds the Right Rev Christopher Luxmoore at the helm of the group of four schools: Lancing College, Hurstpierpoint College, Ardingly College and Bloxham School.

Church news

Appointments The Rev Keith Punshon, Chaplain to the Forces (TA), and Vicar, Yardley South, St Michael and All

Angels (Birmingham): to be Residentiary Canon of Ripon Cathedral (Ripon). The Rev John Stride, Chaplain to

the Rev John Stride, Chaptain to HM Prison, Littlehey (Ely): to be Vicar, Heeley (Sheffield). The Rev Paul Tudge, Vicar, St James, Woodside: to be also Warden den of Readers (Ripon).

The Rev Dr Harry Wardale, Team Vicar, Bishopston: to be Vicar, St Peter, Lawrence Weston (Bristol). The Rev Eileen Wetherell, Assisthe Rev Ellecti Westerell, Assistant Curate, St Peter, Maybush: to be Team Vicar, St Anne's, Calmore, Totton Team Ministry (Winchester).

The Rev Nigel Williamson, Assistant Curate, Stannington, Shefield: to be Priest-in-charge, St Andrew's, Nether Hoyland, Barnsley (Sheffield).

Resignations and retirements The Rev John Chalk, Priest-incharge (NSM), Salt and Sandon w Burston (Lichfield): to resign May

The Rev Martyn Cocking, Vicar, Pill w Easton in Gordano and Portbury (Bath and Wells): to resign and has accepted a position with the Bristol Chamber of

The Rev George de Burgh-Thomas, Rector, Hawridge w Cholesbury, St Leonards and The Lee (Oxford): to retire September

The Rev William Doyle, Curate, Hangleton (Chichester): now

The Rev Peter Fustice, Rector, St. Stephen-in-Brannel (Truro): to retire March 31, 1997. The Rev Peter Frowley, Vlcar, St Minver w St Enodoc, Trebetherick and St Michael. Rock (Truro): to

retire September 30. The Rev Geoffrey Holmes, Priestin-charge, Barlavington, Burton w Coates and Sutton w Bignor (Chichester): to retire April

Canon Gordon Jell, Chaplain to the Community of the Sisters of the Church, Ham Common (Southwark): to retire October 31.

Canon Dick Jones, Team Rector, Bournemouth, St Peter w St Stephen w St Swithun (Winchester): retired March 31 and appointed Canon Emeritus of Winchester Cathedral. The Rev Michael Kirkpatrick,

Vicar, Whitleigh, and Rural Dean of Plymouth Moorside (Exeter): resigned April 4. The Rev Anthony Knox, Rector, Toddington (St Albans): to resign

April <u>13</u> The Rev John Lines, Vienr. Happisburgh, Walcott, Hemp-stead w Eccles and Lessingham. and Sea Palling w Waxham (Nor-

withit to retire May 31. Prebendary John Mapson, Priest-in-charge, All Saints, Sidmouth (Excter): to retire October 31. Canon Stephen Trapnell, Field Officer, Decade of Evangelism (Winchester): retired March 31.

The Rev Michael Hoy, Vicar, St John, Great Marsden, Nelson (Blackburn): to retire April 30. The Rev Dennis King, Vicur, St Giles. Aintree (Liverpool): to retire April 30.

Prebendary Geoffrey Marlow. Chaplain and Pastoral Assistant to the Bishop of Bath and Wells and a Prehendary of Wells Cathedral (Bath and Wells): to retire April 30. The Rev Eric Passingham, Priestin-charge, Rusper (Chichester): to retire July 31.

Canon Bill Peters, Rector, Uckfield, Horsted Parva and Isfield (Chichester): retired as Ru-ral Dean of Ucklield as from April

The Rev Kerrigan Pring, Incumhent, Nash w Thornton, Beach-ampton and Thornborough (Oxford): to retire July 31. The Rev Andrew Rowe, Rector, Chewton Mendip, Ston Easton, Litton and Emborough (Bath and Wells): to resign.



The second secon

part in the musical Tommy. The show, which opened at the Shaftesbury Theatre last month, is looking for three new pairs of boys and girls to play Tommy aged four and ten because the law allows child stars to perform in only 40 shows

RAF College Cranwell

Air Marshal Sir John Cheshire, UK Military Representative, Head-quarters Nato, was the Reviewing Officer at the Graduation of 89 officers of No Iro Initial Training Course and 10 officers of No 260 Specialist Entrant and Recentrant Course from PAS College Course in Course from RAF College Cranwell un April 4.

Graduating student officers of no 160 Initial Officer Training Course General Duties Branefi - Pilot Flying Officers S R Cannon. M S Cockrum BEng. P R Diacom BEng. R P Harris BA. E Holmes BSc. A J Kinsella LLB. C J Layden BA. I H

Saunders BSc (Econ), K Simpson BSc, N D Stanton BSc. Pilot Officers M J Clague BSc. C R Daykin BSc. R S Dibden BSc. T T Jones BSc. A C Masim BSc. J B Sheldon BSc. N A Street BA. T S Talbut BSc. D E Thomas BEng. J A Waterson BA. P F Wylde BSc.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.P. Baxter and Miss M.R. Sharpe The engagement is announced between Terry Patrick, eldest son of Mrs Patricia Baxter and the late Mr Terence Baxter, of Fulliam, London, and Michelle Rosalie. eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Sharpe, of Brook Green,

The marriage will take place in August in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney, and Dunloe Castle, Co

Mr A.M.L. Farquharson and Miss K.C. Macpherson and Miss N.C. Macpher 3002
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Angus Farquharson of Finzean, Aberdeenshire, and Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Rob Macpherson, of Streets Assettle

Strachur, Argyll. Mr H. Ferrand and Miss S. Murphy The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of the late Captain and Mrs Christopher

Ferrand, of Tillywhally. Kinross-shire, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Murphy, of New York, and Southampton, USA. Mr D. Forbes Watt and Miss H.M.O. Hutchison The engagement is announced between David Forbes Watt, of

Trastevere. Rome, and Helen, daughter of the late Mr Malcolm Hutchison, of Upper Largo, Fife, and of the late Mrs Helga Summers, of London SW1. The Hon Niall Leveson Gower and Miss A. Blexell

The engagement is announced between Niall, son of The Earl and Countess Granville, of North Uist, The Western Isles, and Amanda, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs DJ. Blaxell, of Antingham, Norfolk. Mr A.J. Hawkins

and Miss K.M. Wilson The engagement is announced between Anthony, second son of the late Mr Stuar: Hawkins and of Mrs Sheila Hawkins, of Withington. Hereford, and Katharine, elder daughter of the late Major David Wijson, and of Mrs Roger Musson, of Littleton, Guildford.

Mr DJ. Smith-Dodsworth and Miss E.A. Brady The engagement is announced between David John Smith-Dodsworth, eldest son of Sir John Smith-Dodsworth, Br. of Coro-mandel, New Zealand, and of Margarer, Lady Smith-Dodsworth, of Thermion Watlass, North Yorkshire, and Elizabeth Anne Brady, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Michael Brady, of Bordercot, Baldersby, North Yorkshire.

The engagement is announced between Michael son of Dr and between vinciner, son in LT and Mrs David Gething, of Woodrow, Amersham. Buckinghamshire, and Stephanie, daughter of Dr and Mrs Philip Lewis, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Mr P.P. Lacamp and Miss D.R. Volsch The engagement is announced between Philippe, son of Mr and Mrs P.F. Lacamp, and Dawn, daughter of Mrs Jacqueine Fredricksen, of San Diego,

California. Mr N.C. Lavender and Miss R.M. Hare
The engagement is announced
between Nicholas, vounger son of
Mr and Mrs J.T. Lavender, of Swindon, and Rosamund, ekier daughter of Bishop and Mrs T.R. Hare, of Keswick.

Mr J.D. Llewelyn and Miss T.J.P. Pardoe Willia The engagement is announced between John. son of Mr Roger-Llewelyn. of Milton, Strathchyde. and Mrs David Shedden, of Chilcomb, Hampshire and Tiffy. daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Pardoe-Williams, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr D.O.J. von Malaise and Miss S.H. Lumsden The engagement is aimourised between Dominik son of Mr. Christoph von Malaise of Zurich. Christoph von Marafin Douglas, and Madeleine, Grafin Douglas, of London, and Susanna, dau of Mr and Mrs Peter Lumsden of West Studdal Farm, Dover.

Mr A.C. Nash and Miss L.F. Spridgeon The engagement is announced between Adam, younger son of Mr. and Mrs Roger Nash, and Laura daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Spridgeon, all of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.A. Thompson and Miss R.C. Munmery. The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs William J. Thompson, M. Manhasset, New York, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs-Brian Mummery, of Great Kimble, Buckinghamshire.

Marriage

MrJ.W. Clater and Mrs LA. Rogers
The marriage took place on April
8, in the church of St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall, Essex, of John Clater to Anné Rogers, née

Latest wills

The Marquise Violet Evelyn De Ruvigny, of London SW15, left estate valued at £81,610

Miss Mary Madge Lascelles, of Cromer, Nortolk, former Reader in English Literature in the English faculty of Oxford University, and English rutor at Somerfield College. 1931-60, left estate valued at £534.151 net. She left £55.750 and effects to personal legaless, £10,000 to Lady

personal legaties. (10,000 to Lady Margaret Ball, Oxford, and the residue equally between the Friends of the Bodielan Library, Oxford, NSPCC, RNLI and Royal Star and Garrer Home.

Mr Peter Crichton Kirknatrick, of Bournemouth, Dorset. the former parsman with Thames Rowing Club, left estate valued at £788,356 net. estate Valued at E/88.350 net. He left £5,000 each to the Thames Rowing Club Charitable Trust, Dr Barnardo's, Salvation Army, Action for Blind People, and the Royal Star and Garier Home, Richmond, £132,000, effects and 95 per cent of the residue to personal legatees and 5 per cent of the residue to the Charities Ald Foundation.

Other estates include (net, before tax): Mr John Terence Dunn, of Newport, Gwent868,561.

Mrs Marjorie Cynthia Lydall Collman, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent 1599,325. Mr Clifford Gordon Holt, of Ashford, Kent....... E718,655. Mr William Henry Hyde, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands £563,778.

Mrs Grace Winifred Littler-Jones, of Bedford.....£645,115. Maureen Frances Elizabeth Jubb, retired school teacher. £959,142.

Mrs Ruth Marian Kent, of Bourton on the Water, Gloucestershire....... £772.045. Mr Percy Richard Levy, of London W14 £1.588,078. Mrs Elizabeth Alice McClintock, of Upton upon Severn. Worcestershire E628,460.

Dorothy Winifred Mosserl, of Weybridge, Surrey... £620,405. Bessie Clara Razzeil, of Reigate, Surrey £646,227. Mrs Patricia Mary Roddick. of Horsham, West Sussex

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Friday, April 12th at 2-Oopmio which all friends are wiscome.

CASSELS - On 7th April, peacefully, after nearly 40 years' martyrdom to Arthritis, Clarissa (née Motion), aged 96, much twei morney of Broom and grandscolber of Julia and Alexander. Private transition family flowers and Commission Council of Thomas Pink and Son, Bishop's Waitham.

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MEALD - On April 8th. Honrietta and Harvilla. Honrietta and Harvilla. Honrietta and Harvilla. Honrietta and Harvilla. St. John the Baptiel. Champes. War in Susan, 4 grandfather of Simon and 3x Much loved husband of Karin and father of Simon. Rupert and Susan, 4 grandchilden and 1 greatgrandson, Funeral at 8th Marks Regents Park. of April 12th at 2.30. Flowers to Lavertum. Exceptive Tel. (0171) 586 4221.

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JACOBS - Stella Miriam on 6th April at Liverpool. Peacefully after a short Bress. Deeply mourned by hat daughter Paula, her grandchildren Julia mit Matthew, her great-grandson Theo, her son-in-law David. A family funeral has haten since.

REINMEDY - Jack. On Good Priday peacefully at home. He will be all the service at Putney Vale Consideration of Websites AWII 17th at 1.45mn. Please no flowers. Donations. He desired, for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Laverton & Sons Ltd. Funeral Directors. 212 Evershoit Street, London NWI 18D. KLEMER - Andrey, On April
4th in New York, beloved;
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Babes and Harriet, Eleanor, William,
isabel, Jack, Mac, Georgia
and Victoria, greatly miseed
by all she yet lives on.

LERIMAN - Elisen. Peacefully at home in Oxford at the beginning of April aged 79. For funeral details contact Recros & Paine. Tel: (01865) 242 529. Family flowers only. Dometions if wished to British Heart Foundation or Cats Protection League. DODGE - Lyn. darling wife of David passed away peacefully after a courageous battle against cancer on Friday April 5th 1996. Service and Cramation at Mortlake Crematorium on Friday April 19th at 4pm. Enquiries T. H. Samders and Sons. (0181) 948 1851.

Beloved wife of the late Mac', dearly loved mother of Amer. Kirsty loved the late Siewart deroma grandmother of Lucinda. Georgia. Rowing, Calling and Flex. Bowley. Calling and Flex. Bowley. Calling and Flex. Bowley 16th April at 2.30pm. Family flowers may, donations if wished to Tr A J Collis & Partners ECG Fund' c/o C Webrinous & Sons. High Sires. Sancart. E. X. Te (01435) 882219.

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Alexander and Sophie.
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TUCKER - Gernid Fawcett A.R.C.A. (Gerry), 79. died peacefully, Portamouth, 4th April.

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WILLIAMS - On April 4th 1996. peacefully at Murrisyfield Hospital Whrel. Depoting Lenore Williams (náe Wilkinston) of Britanthand and 95 years. Wilson of Horaca Mahorty Williams and mother of Banand Politick, Fascral Private,

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request no flowers. Documents the line Cross STAR-MAHORTW suddenly but pescetally, on April 5th 1996, in Oxford, Jame (Polly) Wyndham-Kaye O.B.E., née Whitenam, apad 75 years, Former General Secretary Hauth Visitors Association (1964-1964) and Chairman South-West Herifordahire Health Authority (1986-1999). Pimeral service at St. Glies Church, Oxford, on Tuesday April 16th, at 2.30pm, Flowers to Resves & Pain, 268 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OXI 4TE.

MEMORIAL SERVICES actioned - A Memorial Service to catalysis the life and work of Professor the Hon. Sir John Golding O.J. ee Tuesday April 30th at 2.50m at the Church of St. Bartholothew the Great. West Smithfield. ECL.

at Norwich Cathedral on Saturday May 11th at 11.30cm.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE BARKLEY - Y.B. 8th April 1998. You were the minutes which made up the hours becoming the days, the months, the years of our lives. From mose who will always remander - a time we will never forget. Love Paul-

THANKSGIVING SERVICES FERRY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of James Terry will be held al The Barkshire Masonic Centre Sindiesham, Nr. Reading on Tuesday 30th. April at 3.30 pm. DOMESTIC & CATERING STITUATIONS LIVE in Namey required, Home-stand for boy of 2 years and a heavy expected in May / June. Pull driving license essential and must be prepared to travel abrone on vacalities. Cheerful servicensity and aged between, 25-35. Non excessive preferred, humadists start, estany mag. References essential and please send recent photograph. Please Regity to Box No 5007

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR MATTHEW HODGART

Matthew Hodgart, Professor of English, Sussex University, 1964. 70, died on April 3 aged 79. He was born on September 1, 1916.

A SHY and private man, Matthew Hodgart presented an apparently impermeable exterior to the outside world. Those who came to know him, however, and (better still) to understand his mind and imagination, found that his quirky wit, formidable erudition and diverse interests combined to make him always a reliable source of help. His passionate interest in ideas, sound judgment of writing and entertaining conversation made him also an enjoyable companion. His life and work could be said to represent a characteristic note in the variety of British intellectual life at the close of the 20th century.

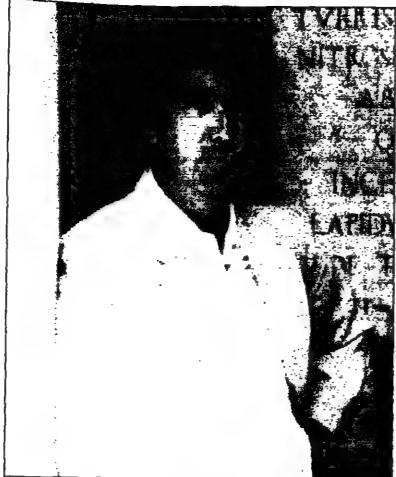
Matthew John Caldwell Hodgart was born in Paisley, the son of another Matthew Hodgart, a partner in a substantial firm of engineers, and Katherine Barbour Caldwell of a longestablished local family of lawyers. From this heritage he may have drawn his knowledgeable rapport with the lairds and lawyers of 18th-century Scotland and, in particular, with James Boswell in Dr Johnson's circle. The same parental source could well have supplied his mathematical interests and skill in problem-solving.

His comfortable family background allowed him to be educated at Rugby School as a scholar and then to go on again as a scholar to Pembroke College, Cambridge, in 1935. He was an outstanding student and, after his BA in 1938, was awarded a Jebb Studentship to start postgraduate study.

In those last years of the Thirties, however, the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War and the misery of mass unemployment - accompanied by the shameless appeasement of the dictators - drove very many able and sensitive students at Cambridge and other universities into Marxist views (not least because these alone seemed to offer some possibility of relieving an apparently hopeless situation).

Matthew Hodgart was elected to the elitist social and discussion group, the Apostles. by then politicised to a degree, and within "the Society" (as its members like to call it) became part of an outstanding and talented group. He was also noted as an effective speaker for the Left in the Cambridge Union. Later he was sharply to revise his political convictions and to come to regret the part he had played in Cambridge politics. The outbreak of war in 1939 interrupted his academic

He was commissioned into The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. and served in the Mediterranean. French North Africa and in Corsica. For his work in intelligence he was mentioned in dispatches; in 1945 the French Government recognised his service with the Special Operations Executive by appointing him a Cheva-



awarding him the Croix de Guerre. In the same year he concluded his military service in India, and returned to Cambridge as an assistant lecturer in English, becoming Lecturer and Fellow of Pembroke College in 1949. He was a loyal member of the college. serving as wine steward and librarian,

reflecting another two of his interests. Hodgart was also a popular member of the Cambridge English Faculty, and an excellent teacher for pupils who knew what they were doing. His tutorials covered the breadth of the Cambridge English Tripos, from Chaucer and the Ballads to modern writing. He was a good example of a generalist; his encyclopaedic know-ledge of English literature and rigorous examination of arguments, his own included, were challenges in discussion.

The students whom he taught, or whose work he supervised, numbered among them many of the best writers and scholars of the time, including Ted Hughes, the present Poet Laureate, and the formidable Harold Bloom. The latter was one of the many visiting Americans in Cambridge whose friendship he gained — and later maintained as they became influential critics and scholars — and through whom he pursued a keen interest in America and American literature and thought. From his teaching came a number of books, couched in the deceptively simple format of introductory treatments, but which were often munificently offered a El note to

original, deftly written and seriously thoughtful.

His first volume was The Ballads (1950, revised 1962), which was a landmark in the developing interest in. and widespread appreciation of, folksong, which marked the 1950s and 1960s; he developed this further in his widely read collection The Faber Book of Ballads (1965) which also includes Broadside, Irish, Australian and American ballads. He had a particular sympathy with 18th-century Scottish and English writing, represented by his excellent Samuel Johnson (1962) and a useful selection of Horace Walpole's Memoirs and Portraits (1963).

He was a much respected member of the Johnson Club of London and a president of the Johnson Club of Lichfield. A modest-looking but wide-ranging volume. Satirs (1969, several translations), also presents visual ma-terial about which he was extremently knowledgeable, and escapes the pedantry of form-criticism by a subtle discussion of the satiric temperament as a human characteristic. He also contributed to the Review of English Studies, TLS and the New York Review

Hodgart's wide reading and formidable scholarship were often united to his interest in puzzles and problems in order to give plausible readings of difficult passages. In 1955, when Rob-ert Graves in his final Clark Lecture anyone who could make sense of "the opening stanza of Dylan Thomas's If my head hurt a hair's foot." he notes in the printed version of his lecture that "the ingenious Mr M. J. C. Hodgart of Pembroke ... has stepped forward to daim the reward".

Graves, though, by publishing the lecture, remained master of the field. He declared that "there are flaws" in Hodgart's argument and adhered to his view that "the five lines taken as a whole remain nonsensical", thereby saving himself a pound. Yet the reader of The Crowning Privilege may well think that Hodgart's suggestion has much more merit than that; it certainly gives a line to the sense of Dylan Thomas's poem.

Hodgart's skill in reading was also put to use in handling James Joyce's text, not only in discussion and lectures, but in two informative volumes: the first (with Professor Michael P. Worthington). Song in the Works of James Joyce (1959), an early and formative treatment of an important topic, and the second, James Joyce: Student Guide (1978). A third volume (with Professor Ruth Bauerle), Jorce's trand Operoar: Opera in Finnegans Wake, will appear later this year. Music was one of the interests he followed up thoroughly and seriously. In 1964 Hodgart left Cambridge, and

began a series of teaching stints in different universities, often at the invitation of former colleagues and students. From 1964 to 1970 he was a Professor of English at Sussex, moving to live in a villa in the last group of Regency houses to be built in Brighton.

His teaching there was notable for a popular history and literature seminar on Joyce and Ireland, which he conducted with Professor Hugh Kearney, and which is remembered for its annual Bloomsday celebration on June 16. He was Visiting Professor at Cornell University in 1961-62 and in 1969: Professor of English at the then Concordia University in Montreal, 1970-76; Visiting Professor at the University of California at Los Angeles, 1977-78; at Stanford in 1979; at La Trobe in Australia, 1979-80; and Hinckley Professor of English at Johns Hopkins in 1982.

His second visit to Cornell at the height of the student discontent in American universities in the 1960s resulted in a jeu d'esprit, which ties in with his own student political activity at Cambridge, his interest in the 18th century and his fascination with satire: this was his brief volume A New Voyage (1969), a "fifth voyage" of Lemuel Gulliver who in it returns to Houyhnhumland to find that the progressive young horses are unwisely arguing for the ending of the age-old injustice to the Yahoos by admitting them to the Assembly. In 1940 he married Betty Joyce

Henstridge, who died in 1948. In 1949 he married, secondly, Margaret Patricia Elliott. She survives him, together with a son and daughter of his first marriage and an adopted daughter of

GROUP CAPTAIN LARRY OSBORNE

Group Captain Larry Osborne, OBE. navigator, air traffic controller and supply specialist died on March 12 aged 73. He was born on December 27, 1922.

THE first black officer to reach the rank he did in the Royal Air Force, Larry Osborne was also one of the most charismatic officers in the service of his time. From a modest upbringing in the West Indies, he went on to serve in numerous capacities during and after the war, first as a navigator, then in air traffic control and finally, when his sight deteriorated, in the Equipment Branch. There he was responsible for the computerisation of the RAFs supply system.

Lawrence Theodore Os-borne was born in Trinidad and joined the RAF in 1943 as a navigator. His desire to fly stemmed from an early interest in astronomy and the rapport he built up with Coastal Command crews opcrating Hudson reconnaissance aircraft from Trinidad during the Battle of the Atlantic. His initial training was in Canada, and he was soon commissioned. There he learnt to box, and represented the RAF detachment. After operational training in Northem ireland, he went on to navigate Catalina flying boats and Liberator long-range reconnaissance bombers in

Coastal Command. In 1945, with a vast surplus of pilots and navigators available for what was becoming a slimmed-down postwar Air Force, Osborne had to change his specialisation, and he became an air traffic controller. He thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of "bringing the boys down in bad weather and his tours included a spell in the Middle East. But, not wishing to stay too long in the same trade and perhaps with a little friendly persuasion from the station medical officer, he had to change specialisation yet again because of poor eyesight. This time he chose to begin a new career in the Equipment Branch, embarking on this course in 1952.

This career took him on several tours before he attended the RAF Staff College, Bracknell, in 1958. This was followed by a posting to HQ 2nd Allied Tactical Air Force at Rheindalen in Germany. In Ministry of Defence, with a dad, and by three sons,

addition to his normal duties, he was a part-time member of the Anglo-German Technical Commission. As such, he was engaged in the training and

resupply of the fledgeling postwar German Air Fonce. Typi-cally he learnt German in his spare time and was thus able to conduct negotiations with the Germans in their own language. At Rheindalen, he also pursued his penchant for amateur dramaties, and he enjoyed taking a leading part in station productions. He also took part twice in the gruelling Nijmegen Marches, covering 100km in four days in full battlekit. He was posted back to the UK in 1961.

Following a tour in the Air Ministry, Osborne was posted in 1963 to RAF Valley in Anglesey where he learnt enough Welsh to become a member of the Holyhead Mixed Choir. He made many Welsh friends, with whom he always kept in touch. in 1966 he was posted to the

headquarters of RAF Maintenance Command at Andover. It was there that he had the responsibility for introducing the RAF's new computerised supply system into the main depots. His team soon became known unofficially as the Black and White Minstrel Show, a title he happily adopted. His work in Maintenance Command was recognised by his appointment as OBE in 1969

Osborne spent most of the remainder of his career at the

well-earned promotion to group captain along the way. During 1975 he was privileged to lead the RAF contingent on his last Nijmegen March, and he retired in 1977.

In retirement, Osborne was not a man to potter in the garden. Apart from taking an Open University degree, he moved into supply training with the Crown Agents where he made an immediate impact, bringing with him from the RAF his experience, com-munication skills and an infectious sense of humour. In 1984 he was a founder member of Finch(ields Consultants which, among other things, worked on training courses for British Aerospace, and he continued to impart his knowledge on supply and control matters to various firms both at home and overseas until he retired in 1991.

When he did finally retire, Osborne was able to continue his hobbies of reading languages, electronics and walking. He will be remembered for his endless energy at work and his sense of humour. As far as his colour was concerned, he always said: "If people retain their prejudices after knowing me for a short while, it's probably my fault for failing to impress my personality on them." It was a credit to the RAF and all those he knew that this was never an

Larry Osborne is survived by his wife Theodora, whom he met before leaving Trini-

BEN JOHNSON

Ren Johnson, actor and rodeo rider, died on April 8 aged 77. He was born on June 13, 1918.

BEN JOHNSON'S ease with horses and authentic Oklahoma drawl made him a godsend for directors of westerns. and a rarity among actors. some of whom looked distinctly nervous in a saddle. Like Gary Cooper, he had grown up on a ranch and was an excellent horseman and cowhand. In the early 1970s he surprised many of those who had underrated his acting abilities when he effortlessly walked away with an Oscar for his role as Sam the Lion in

The Last Picture Show.
Benjamin Franklin Johnson Jr - known as Uncle Ben was born in Foraker near Pawhuska in Oklahoma. John Ford later called him the best thing to come out of that state

since Will Rogers. Johnson worked on a ranch, and was a seasoned rodeo performer when he rode into Oklahoma City on the back of a palomino to enter a show. A scout for Howard Hughes was im-pressed by the horse and asked if he could use it in Hughes's new film, The Outlaw. Johnson agreed if he could go along as the beast's groom and in the event he looked after 18 of the film's horses. The Outlaw, however, was to gain more notoriety for the bra-less bosom of its leading lady Jane Russell than for the horses, and the censors held it up for six years before allowing it to be released.

Johnson's riding skills had by then been noticed and applauded by another former cowhand, Gary Cooper, who eased Johnson's passage into the Screen Actors Guild. Johnson worked for a while as a

stuntman and attracted John Ford's attention on the set of Fort Apache where he singlehandedly rounded up a team of runaway horses. Ford liked to use men who did not overact and, just as he encouraged John Wayne to build a career on being John Wayne, so he went to some lengths to find Johnson the right vehicles for his talents. Johnson was photogenic and natural in

front of a carnera, but modest about his formal acting abilities: "Lord help me if they ever ask me to do anything except be myself." He supported Wayne in

three Ford films - Three Godfathers, She Wore a Yellow Ribbon (both 1949) and Rio Grande (1950) - often literally standing in the Duke's shadow, before being given the lead in Ford's Wagonmaster (1950) about the adventures of a Mormon wagon-train heading towards Utah in 1879. There followed supporting roles in countless westerns, from the classic Shane (1952) to some fairly forgettable examples of the genre for television. He reached a peak in the 1960s, still in Wayne's shadow, but more weathered now, and confident enough of his screen persona to give it a slight twist. Just as Wayne played a paunchy, irritable old mar-

shal in True Grit, so Johnson injected his later cowboys with an air of testiness.

Given his past form, he was understandably surprised in the early 1970s to be offered the plum role in a modern film, that of Sam the Lion. owner of the pool hall, diner and picture house, in The Last Picture Show. Peter Bogdanovich's film was intended as a tribute to film-makers like John Ford and to the dying values of small-town America. Bogdanovich saw Johnson as the repository of such values independence and strength of character. Ford, by now an old man, had to persuade Johnson to waive his objections to the film's language and nudity and Johnson turned in a strong performance, winning an Oscar for best supporting actor.

He continued to make the odd film thereafter, and received his star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame two years ago. But he spent his last years alone with his mother in Phoenix, Arizona, and was so far detached from the film community that some commentators had already begun to refer to him as the "late Ben Johnson". His wife Carol, whom he married in 1941, predeceased him. There were no children. He is survived by his mother and sister.



Ben Johnson as Sam the Lion in The Last Picture Show, 1971

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ELECTION DAY IN CHICAGO.

POLICE VERSUS "GANGSTERS".

To-day Chicago goes to the polls to decide the first stage of this year's political contest. Shortly before the 1926 elections a series of police conferences was held in order to discuss means of contending against the possible violence and the certain irregularity that would attend polling-day without some mea-sure of control. At some of these meetings I

was privileged to be present.
These police conferences made it evident that Chicago was to have a real election for once. Heroic measures were necessary, and heroic measures were taken. Two days before the election, the Detective Bureau became an arsenal. Normally, there are, day and night. upon the streets of Chicago, more than 30 last cars, each with a crew of five detectives. The armament of the car is one rifle, one shotgun. and a supply of tear-gas bombs. (Now, I believe, Thompson machine-guns have been added). All the police, of course, carry revolvers. For "the day" the number of cars was increased to 90, with the usual crew, and entra rifles and shotguns were served out. Each car was given an area to patrol

ON THIS DAY April 10, 1928

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT LATELY IN AMERICA.)

* Control to The first stage in the presidential election to be held in November; state, federal, and delegates to the national party conventions are voted for. Tension was high in Chicago where there was a bitter conflict between two factions of the Republican Party.

> throughout the day. Only the orders were unchanged—"Shoot first and inquire after-wards", supplemented by instructions to take

> up all known "gangsters" on sight. The police extended their courtesy to me even further. What I had heard discussed I was allowed to see carried out. They were, indeed, polite enough to indicate what they considered would be the most troublesome district, and to give me a seat in the car allotted to its supervision. So, early in the morning, I clambered into the machine after being introduced to my five companions, heavy-jowled, plain-clothes men, all cast in the same

Hibernian mould. They were polite, they were kind, but their suavity did not conceal the impression that they would meet a difficult and dangerous task half way, that for any violence offered they would return more...

In the afternoon the fun began. As we drove up to a booth, an excited crowd round its doors was sign enough for the squad commander. Before the car had snopped, its crew, revolver in hand, were running across the pavement. Unceremoniously we jostled our way through the mob, to find a young and very red-laced policeman arguing with a brutal looking man who was evidently interfering with voters. The squad commander seized the offender from behind by the shoulder and, violently twisting him round, deliberately smacked him across the face with his open palm before slipping the handcuffs upon him. Then, turning to the policemen on duty, he said equably. "Don't argue with these birds, blow their brains out".

Our prisoner was bundled into the waiting patrol-wagon. Several other suspicious lookmg men were ordered to "put 'em up", and were thoroughly "frisked" (scarched). Two men who were found to be carrying arms also went into the wagon.

Thereafter the day was occupied in frequent descents upon the polling stations. Wherever there was even the possibility of trouble, people were arrested on principle . . .

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Helens Borough Council Before Mr Justice Mummery, Mr D. J. Jenkins and Mrs M. E.

Dudgment March 281

Where the operative reason for a variation in terms of employment was a transfer of an undertaking, the variation was ineffective even the employees had accepted and worked under the varied terms. and the terms of the original contract of employment with the transferor remained in force.

Accordingly, teachers at a school transferred from the county council to the borough council who had accepted new contracts with less favourable terms of employment were entitled to be paid the higher wages payable under their con-tracts with the county council.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when allowing appeals by Mr R. Wilson and others from the dismissal by a Liverpool industrial tribunal last May of their claims against St Helens Borough Council that the tions from their wages in contravention of section I of the Wages Art 1986

The tribunal had dismissed the claims on the ground that the employees' agreement in the new contracts had effectively varied their terms of employment and the Wages Act in failing to pay what as due to the applicants under Regulation 5 of the Transfer of

Employment) Regulations (SI 1981 No 1794) provides: "(i) ... a relevant transfer shall

not operate so as to terminate the contract of employment of any person employed by the transferor in the undertaking ... but any such contract which would otherwise have been terminated by the transfer shall have effect after the transfer as if originally made between the person so employed and the transferce."

Mr Nicholas Randall and Ms Jenniler Eady for the teachers: Mr Alan Wilkie, QC and Mr Simon Gorton for the council.

MR JUSTICE MUMMERY said that the Red Bank Controlled Community Home provided education and care for boys who had committed offences or had other behavioural problems which had led to them being placed in care. The applicants were employed there as teachers or carers.

The school was formerly owned by trustees and controlled by Lancashire County Council. In October 1992 the school was transferred to the borough council and the applicants started to work pursuant to new contracts. The applicants claimed before

the industrial tribunal that as a result of the transfer of an undertaking they were being paid a reduced salary in breach of the 1981 Regulations and in the circumstances the council were making unlawful deductions from their salaries in contravention of section I of the Wages Act.

claims. It found that although the

the appellant had been charged

had been put forward as a speci-

men or sample count, reflecting a series of offences over the period in

question. The appellant never at

any time admitted any sexual

offence within the period covered

by the indictment. Counsel for the

appeliant submitted that the judge

was not entitled to sentence on the

Section 31(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 defined offences

associated with the offence(s)

charged as being limited to of-fences of which the offender was

convicted, or admitted and re-

quested the court to take into

nsideration when sentencing.

His Lordship suggested that prosecutors should charge sufficient offences to reflect the criminality of the offending.

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transfer they had worked without of the previous terms?

protest, accepting the new salaries, iob titles and duties. Thus the tribunal found they had affirmed the new contracts. In Foreningen v Daddy's Dance Hall A/S (1988) ECR 739) the European Court of Justice stressed

that the purpose of the acquired rights directive, EC Council Directive 77/187 (O) 1977 L61/26) was to ensure that the rights resulting from a contract of employment of employees affected by the transfer were saleguarded.

Since that protection was a matter of public policy and in-dependent of the will of the parties to the contract the rules of the directive had to be considered mandatory so that it was not possible to derogate from them in a manner unfavourable to employ ees. It followed that the rights conferred on employees could not be restricted even with their

The industrial tribunal had erred in law in holding there had been an effective variation in the terms of employment so as to preclude them from making claims under the 1986 Act.

An unauthorised deduction from wages was a contravention of section | of the Wages Act. The crucial question was what was the total amount of the wages properly payable to the employees? Was it, as the employees con-

under the terms of their contracts as the horsuph council contended.

terms of their employment with

It was common ground that the provisions of the 1981 Regulations had to be construed, if it were possible to do so without distortion of language, to conform with the provisions of the directive.

The crucial point was the identity of the reason for the alteration of the terms of employment which the employees had with the county council. The terms of regulation 5(I) were mandatory protection for mployees on a transfer.

The European Court had held in Daddy's Dance Hall that the policy of the directive, and therefore of the implementing 1981 Regulations, precluded even a consensual variation in the terms of the contract if the transfer of the undertaking was the reason for the

It was clear from the findings of fact by the tribunal that the reason for the alteration was the transfer. The law, surprising though it might be to the English legal on, was clear.

If the operative reason for the variation was the transfer of the undertaking, then the variation would be ineffective. That was the position in the present case and the terms of employment with the county council remained in force. The appeal would be allowed and the matter remitted to the

tribunal to determine individual

equilement.

Solicitors: Reynolds Porter Chamberlain; Brian Thompson & Parmers, Liverpool; Mrs Vivien

Variation ineffective after transfer Pedlar traded unlawfully in street

Stevenage Borough Council v Wright

Before Lord Justice Leggatt and Sir lain Glidewell

|Judgment April 2| A person who stood in one place for an hour selling goods from a bag at his feet and attracting people's attention to come to him to buy, was selling from a pitch and was not acting as a pediar within the meaning of section 3 of the Pedlars Act 1871, despite holding a

Accordingly, he was not exempt from the prohibition against street trading contained in paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, by virtue of paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 4. The absence of a stall was not determinative of the question

whether the seller was acting as a pedlar rather than a street trader. The Oween's Bench Divisional Court so held, allowing Stevenage Borough Council's appeal by case stated from the decision of Stevenage Justices who, on February 23, 1995, acquitted Monty Wright of engaging in street trad-ing in a prohibited street, contrary to paragraph IO(1) of Schedule 4 to the 1982 Act. Schedule 4 to the 1982 Act

provides: "!(I) ... 'street trading' means, subject to subparagraph (Z) below, the selling or exposing or offering for sale of any article . . . in

"(2) The following are not street trading for the purposes of this Schedule -- (a) trading by a person acting as a pedlar under the authority of a pedlar's certificate granted under the Pedlar's Act

Mr Simon Bird for the council; the defendant did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that the term "pedlar" was defined in section 3 of the 1871 Act as "any hawker, pediar, petty chapman, tinker, caster of metals, mender of chairs, or other person who, without any horse or other beast drawing burden, travels and trades on foot and goes from town to town or to other men's hous carrying to sell or exposing for sale any goods, wares or merchandise, or procuring orders for goods wares or merchandles immediate ly to be delivered, or selling or offering for sale his skill in

hundicraft..."
The justices found that the defendant had a valid pedlar's certificate; that on the relevant date he was in a prohibited street for two and a half hours; that he was stationary for at least an hour, selling wrapping paper from a large shopping bag at his feet; and that the bag had a sign on its side and the defendant called out to passers-by to attract their

The justices were thereby suc-

sell his wares.

After being referred to Watson v. Molloy [1988] I WLR 1026), the justices concluded that the trading practice of the defendant was that of a pediar and that he fell within the proviso of paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 4 to the 1982 Act. In so doing they found it material that he was not trading from a stall and that he was entitled to stop to

The headnote in Watson v Molloy emphasised that a pediar was not a person who sold from a stall. But that was not necessarily implicit in the decision. Although the traders in that case made use of a stall, the court did not indicate that that fact was in any way Whereas the use of a stall was

not determinative, the fact that a seller equipped himself with a stall, stand, or bag by which his goods were borne might indicate an intention to set up a pitch from which his business could be

in determining the nature of the seller's trading practices and the nature of his conduct while stationary for the purposes of selling it was necessary to consider the length of time for which a person was in one place and what he did while in that place. His Lordship derived little assis-

tance from aphorisms about "trav-

have to travel and trade simulta neously: he did not have to be in

motion while selling. A pediar was an itinerant or peripatetic seller who was travelling when not The use of a stall or stand might indicate an intention to remain

longer than was necessary to effect a sale to an individual. The justices justified their de ision that the defendant was a pediar because he was not trading from a stall. The evidence was tha the defendant had established a pitch where he remained for at

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least an hour.
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council v Dunn (unreported, DC March 19, 1996) was an example of a person who walked up and down while selling his wares. In those that the defendant had been acting as a pedlar.

In the present case the defendant was not walking round to sell but selling from a pitch from which he attracted people's attention. He was not a pedlar and was not entitled to the benefit of the exemption from the prohibition against street trading.

The appeal would accordingly be allowed. The court had not been asked to remit the case to the

Sir lain Glidewell agreed. Solicitors: Mr Christopher Chapman, Stevenage.

Charges should reflect gravity

Regina v Clark (Raymond that the single count with which

Denuisi Where in the case of sexual offences the acts complained of constituted a regular course of conduct over some time, pros-ecutors should charge sufficient offences (airly to reflect the gravity

of the offending The Court of Appeal Criminal Division (Lord Justice Henry, Mr Justice Afflort and Mr Justice Owen) so held on February 28, in a reserved judgment, allowing the appeal against sentence of Raymond Dennis Clark, who had been convicted at Islewroth Crown a single count of indecent assault on a male person and was sen-The sentence was reduced to two

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said

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The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Leggan and Sir Iain Gildewell) so stated on March 18 When allowing an appeal by Shanks McEwan (Midlands) Ltd against conviction by Wresham Justices on July 20, 1995 under section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 for contravening a condition in their waste management licence requiring all wastes to be covered with unLORD JUSTICE LEGGATT

For a person to contravene any person by whom the offence was committed. The licence holder who

Lifestyle relevance in drug possession case amphetamine with a street value of

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny and

[Judgment March 21] Special facts in a case might affect the principle that evidence of money or lifestyle was irrelevant on a charge of possessing drugs with intent to supply, where the

only issue was possession.

Their Lordships so stated when dismissing the appeal of John David Scott against his conviction on September 14, 1994 in Preston Crown Court Judge Townend and a jury) of possessing class B and class C drugs, amphetamine and temazepam, with intent to supply.

Mr Percy Wood, assigned by the
Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for
the appellant; Mr J. D. S. Wishart

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON, giving the re-served judgment of the court, said that in February 1993 police officers stopped a car. The appellant was in the front passenger seat and another man, Jackson, in the back with a holdail on his knees. The officers found a black bin liner

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The holdail contained 447cm of about £4,470. The bin liner contained 284 ternazepam tablets with a street value of £2 to £5 each and polythene bags containing 292gm of amphetamine with a street value of about £2,920.

When interviewed, the appellant denied all knowledge of the drugs. Jackson admitted knowing that the Jackson armined knowing trat the holdall contained drugs and said that he was looking after it for the appellant. He said he knew noth-ing about the bin liner or its

At the time of this arrest the appellant had £311 on him; Jackson had only 58 pence. Between November II, 1992 and February 5. 1993 Scott had paid stems totalling £12,290 into three building soci-

that Scott's house had been searched on two occasions. Scales and other paraphernalia such as bags containing amphetamine

were found. Once again the court was con-cerned with the question whether, and if so how, possession of money

Their Lordships had been referred to 12 decisions in the Court of Appeal from May 1993 to June 1995, the earliest of which was R v Wright (1994) Crim LR 55) and the latest R v Halpin (1996) Crim LR

Two features of the present case made it unusual if not unique in the catalogue of the last few years: I From the start of the trial it was only possession that was in dis-pute, not the intent to supply, which could be readily inferred from the quantities of drugs found. 2 There was in effect a cut-throat

What featured in all of the 12 cases referred to was money. Since the lesue in the present case was possession, their Lordships readily cision in Halpin evidence of money or lifestyle and other extraneous matters would in the ordinary way have been irrelevant. were said to lead to a different

First, there was a close match

similarities between the plastic bags in the car and those in the house. In their Lordships judgement that evidence was relevant.

Whether the judge should have excluded it from the prosecution case because its prejudicial effect exceeded its probative value did not matter, since counsel for the corely on all the disputed evidence as

fecting Scott's credibility. That included evidence of Scott's previous conviction for nossessing amphetamine and also the money. scales and other paraphernalia. To the extent that those items tended to show that he had been a possessor and supplier of drugs in the past, as they certainly did, they could be relied on by Jackson as

reflecting on Scott's credibility. At the end of the day no evidence was admitted which should not have been before the jury for one reason or another, and the judge's summing up, while not periect, was in no way unfair. The conviction was not unsafe

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

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S tepping over the threshold of my second home in Wales (the Land of My Father-in-Law, let me hasten to say). I trod

on the dusty envelope delivered through the cat flap by the post-

man. A delicately worded missive.

it came from the TV Licensing

Centre in Bristol. It was addressed

to those residing where they may be using television but do not have a separate licence in the belief

that they were covered by the lic-

I paid up. Indeed, we tried to pay

when we first got the place, as-

suming that a second roof required

a second licence. Positively not,

came the official response. Unless

we were inhabiting two houses simultaneously and watching two

sets at once, one licence did for

Some are outraged at this dou-

ble levy. Not me. With the rise of

satellite TV that costs well over

£200 a year, and with the unstop-

both. Now it does so no longer.

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switch-off TEN million viewers cannot be wrong, of course, but still the heart does not leap on learning that Noel's House Party is No 3 in the Top 20 of light entertainment, Brigid Callaghan writes. This is a category which includes sitcoms as well as game shows ilies, hang your heads in shame) and yet the only sitcom featured in the Top 20 which the honest viewer

could say made them laugh a

lot is Absolutely Fabulous.

Saturday is the top night for

"light": my advice, go out

Yet that is what came to

pass. Mr Blair's seemingly

unsensational views on Christianity, as related to The

Sunday Telegraph, were translated into an attack on

the Tory party. He was accused of being "holier than

A real

(The Guardian). At times such as these, to heed the advice of my old Sunday school teacher, it is wise to sit quietly in a comer and read the words of the scribes carefully until one has divined the meaning. It proved instructive. The storm was of the tea-cup variety. The fury

editor I have known, a nonstory.
The articles all depended on

a journalistic interpretation of a single quote from Mr Blair: "My view of Christian values led me to oppose what I perceived to be the narrow particularly its modern, more right-wing form - represents." The essentially personal nature of this observation was clear because, at the outset of his testament, Mr Blair said unequivocally: "I do not believe that Christians

agenda by making mischief. Not content with landing its exclusive, it promoted the piece with a front-page story designed to attract publicity. It claimed that Mr Blair's "comments provoked fury among sensor Tories". Yet it canvassed opinion from two of



It would be interesting to know exactly how the report-

Did they quote Mr Blair verbatim? How many of his 1.500 words did they recite? Did they suggest, as the introduction to their story said, that Mr Blair argued that "Conservatism is incompatible with Christianity? In other words, did journalists elicit their quotes based on a misrepresentation of what Mr Blair had said?

weighed in. It was noticeable that the same Mawhinney and Widdecombe quotes were the basis of the new "row" stories. Three Tory backbenchers also joined

Michael Howard, the Home Sechow best to use his five-year term. The danger is that, with his depth retary, who now says that imprisonment will be used only in of commercial experience, he will exceptional circumstances. But throw his energies into pushing Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage the BBC to earn more money. He Secretary, fears that without the should instead dedicate himself to saving the licence fee, which the new BBC charter guarantees for criminal penalties, mass evasion

Not true, surely? Fines and only five years. One simple step would be to rename the damned thing. Either community service work as a deterrent for other civil offences. add "and radio" to the fee or delete "television". As it stands, "TV Here is a task for Sir Christopher Bland, the BBC's new, superbright chairman; designing a so-cially useful penance for fee licence" is a misnomer, encouraging those who watch only ITV but evaders. How about reading to the blind? Unless, that is, the blind are also listen to BBC Radio I to feel fee-evaders themselves. This is no

as 170. The plight of these jailed defaulters worked its way not only

into the plot of Coronation Street

but even melted the heart of

will result.

Then he might declare some

joke. There is a special discount on

the television licence for the regis-

Sir Christopher is now puzzling

tered blind: £1.25.

home truths, such as the following: There is no visible substitute for it. Some day the BBC will be able to scramble its services, even radio, so that only subscribers will

pay. But not soon. • The BBC will never be able to earn more than pin money from its

commercial operations. The BBC is an essential service. The social services should assist

those who cannot afford it. • If more of the estimated 1.8 million evaders (compared with 21 million payers) were caught, the BBC could afford to be more generous to those for whom the fee

is a hardship.

Does not suffer fools gladly is
the description most frequently applied to Sir Christopher. Who, therefore, is better qualified to proclaim from on high the plainest truths of all? That ES9,50 a year is not enough and that those who say they never watch nor listen to the BBC are probably lying.

How to sell the euro

pay TV fines.

It is a greater pity the BBC has allowed so much human misery to

be inflicted in its name on those

who cannot afford to pay the fine

for non-payment of the licence fee.

Last week a television researcher

phoned me to ask whether I were a

feminist (they needed one for a

discussion), But I was too "on the

one hand, on the other hand" to

qualify. He should have rung a

day later, after I learnt the statis-

ties on women jailed for failing to

What except a gross bias against

the female can explain the fact that

women are eight times as likely to

be jailed for this offence as are

men? In 1905, Prison Service

figures show, 19,341 men were

convicted of fine-defaulting. Of

these, 1,401 went to prison. Of the

Simon Brooke

on the advertising

challenge of a single currency

The passion and the complex issues sur-rounding the UK's possible participation in a European single currency prove beyond doubt that sell-ing a political message is not, as was once suggested, basi-

cally like selling soap powder.

The Times asked a number of leading advertising agencies and public relations consultancies to imagine that the referendum on Britain's adoption of the euro was under way and that they had been re-tained by either the "yes" or the "no" camps to produce advertisements and to develop a communications strategy.

Britain's single currency opt-out means that the Treasury has "no plans as yet" to devise a communications programme, and the European commission "has decided that information should be demand-led, rather than in the an active programme". However, across Europe governments are already appointing communications companies to explain to the public what a single currency means and how it will

benefit them. In Paris the corporate adver-tising agency Kendo has been retained by the French Minis-try of Economics to produce a long-term communications programme until the year 2002. The German federal Government has appointed advertising agency Von Mannstein Werbeagentur to develop a DM15 million (£6.6 million) media campaign breaking at the end of May.

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public emergence of pay-per-view,

the licence fee looks a modest tariff

My question is why the BBC took so long to spot this obvious source of new revenue? Apparently the Beeb woke up only after Which? alwayed these basely and

Which? alerted those beady-eyed

people who read the small print in

search of their consumer rights

that they might be entitled to a refund on their second licence.

Though all refunds already

promised will be paid, the BBC is

now due for a modest windfall. With an estimated 38,000 house-

holds now required to buy a second colour heence at the new

rate (since this month) of E89.50, it will rake in an extra £3,401,000 a

year. What a pity it did not spot the

opportunity years ago.

for quite a lot.

THE EURO. SO SIMPLE A CHILD CAN UNDERSTAND IT.

Why has the BBC been so slow to capitalise on an opportunity — which has always existed — to increase its revenue?

A licence to make more money

BRENDA MADDOX

508 women found guilty of the same offence, 241 were locked up — bubes in arms, children being par

into care and offers to pay by small instalments notwithstanding. The

maximum penalty for non-pay-

ment is £1,000 but the fines in

these hardship cases were as low

WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF US?

Movement breaks

- later this week, be-

lieves that enthusi-

asm for the euro-

about if the British

become better

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the "no" camp. Si-mon Milton of pol-

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Europeans.

APCO UK would also like to

fight a positive campaign. "We

could have the paradoxical

situation of the 'yeses' running

a negative campaign along the

lines of the world will come to

an end if we stay out. I would



who can demonstrate that



therefore favour a campaign showing that we can have a successful future outside a single currency. This will need to be supported by personal endorsements from prominent industrialists, customers of British export, other European political figures and people

Britain can continue to prosper even if the others go ahead without us." However, most commentators note that many London advertising and PR agencies will be hoping that Britain

Knightsbridge showroom. does accept the euro, if only for "The building," says Ms Kru-ger, "is now deliberately very the business opportunities it

Bonhams bids for the masses

One of Britain's auction houses is dusting down its

snooty image. Alex Benady reports

often preferring even to take their treasures to the BBC's Antiques Roadshow? It is because they see the big auc-tion houses as snooty and

patronising, But now Bonhams — one of Britain's "big four" auction-eers, along with Sotheby's, Christie's and Phillips wants to open up the fusty world of the UK auction industry and gain access to what it sees as a vast and

virtually untapped market. Veronica Kruger, Bonham's director of marketing, says: The rational advantages of buying at auction are immense. You can buy good quality furniture for less than shop prices, and instead of the value slumping when you get it home, it will probably

appreciate. Yet about 98 per cent of the population never use auctions." The comparison with retailers is key to the Bonhams approach. The UK auction industry is worth about El billion a year. The furniture industry is worth £9 billion and serves the entire adult population, so Bonhams plans to gain access to that more valuable and populous marketplace by adopting many of its conventions. It is now

promoting itself on a platform of openness, informality and enthusiastic service - just like the better furniture stores. The process has involved Bonhams in a complete cultural overhaul. Gone is the feel of gentleman's club at its

Jimi Hendrix's guitar fetched £50,600

airy and inviting. It is stylish without being overbearing." And in an initiative that will be appreciated by anybody who has experienced the sniffy indifference of some of the other auctioneers, all staff from heads of department to porters are now trained to be courteous and sympathetic to everybody, "no matter how dim their questions may seem", says Ms Kruger.

The point is to make the whole experience as unintimidating as possible for both buyers and sellers. Buyers in particular need reassurance many people still believe the old canard that if you sneeze at an auction you could accidentally land yourself with an expensive lot.

To ensure that working people as well as the very rich and the antiques trade get a look in, viewing times are increasingly out of office hours. Bonhams Knightsbridge now opens at 7.30 on Tuesday mornings while Bonhams Chelsea has viewing all day on Sunday - to the accompaniment of a planist.

These small things are evidence of an ethos summed up in the slogan which will run in all its marketing material. devised by newly appointed advertising agency Adventus - "You're worth more to us".

Despite being one of the big four. Bonhams has a turnover of only £40 million compared with the El billion worldwide of Sotheby's and Christie's. and the £90 million of Phillips. Ms Kruger says: "Because we are smaller every lot is relatively more important to us. And in the case of, say, a £100,000 lot, which would be medium size for the others, we really do pull out all the stops."

B onhams has carved out a specialist market for itself in buoyant sectors such as contemporary ceramics, which are too small for the bigger auctioneers to cover in depth. It also pioneered themed auctions - "Cats and Does in Art" was timed to coincide with Cruft's.

Technology is playing an important role in Bonhams renaissance. It was one of the first to put its catalogues on CD-Rom, and now plans to exploit its database in a far more sophisticated manner to produce buyers and sellers.

The efforts by Bonhams to expand the joys of buying at auction into the mid market seem to be working. Ms Kruger says: "We are increas-ingly getting young profes-sional couples buying just to

Nothing is sacred to a news editor

"It's going to be the biggest

and most difficult job for any

advertising agency for at least

the past ten years," says Kate

Marber, European develop-

ment director at TBWA in

London. "Currency is the brand of all brands, it's a

national touchstone, and at a

time when people feel that their national identity is being

stripped away they'll be loath to lose it." She believes that to

educate and reassure people,

the campaign must be "glocal"

- "in other words, it will need Europe-wide co-ordination

but must be able to tap into the

concerns of the man or woman

The 'row' over Tony Blair's religious views was never more than a news stunt, says Roy Greenslade

Perhaps Labour's re-nowned spin-doctors will need to take holy orders. Then again, would a team of spin-rectors have foreseen the impact of Tony Blair talking candidly to a news-paper about his religious be-liefs? Surely, they would not have imagined the press turn-ing- Mr Blair's perfectly straight-forward interview into a front-page story?

thou" (Daily Mail and Daily Express), of being "embroiled in a row" (The Daily Telegraph) or, more hyperbolically, "a fierce political storm" (Daily Mail), having "enraged Tories" (The Times) and "provoked furious Tory criticism"

was decidedly synthetic. It was according to the teachings of every decent news

self-interest that Conservatism

should only vote Labour." But that did not stop The Sunday Telegraph from kick-starting the weekend's news

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them - the party chairman Brian Mawhinney and Ann Widdecombe, the Home Office Minister - before they had a chance to read the article.

ers worded their questions.

Whatever the case, Dr Mawhinney's criticism was muted and Ms Widdecombe's was oblique. Yet it was enough to have their names, and the so-called row undoubtedly helped The Sunday Telegraph to win airtime on television and radio news bulletins on Sunday. Then the dailies

in, though all had a renra-quote feel to them. The claims moved yet further from the truth: the Labour Party was "the natural home of Christian values", claimed the Daily Mail. while The Daily Telegraph alleged he had "made a connecion between his faith

and his party allegiance".

Then the leader writers and commentators, building on the foundation of inaccuracy, wrought their tablets of stone. Simon Heffer, in the Mail, called Mr Blair naive and asserted that his grasp of theology is at an elementary level of philosophy".

the Daily Express little unctuous" but the paper showed commendable. and unusual, fairness by pubfishing adjacent to its leader the full text of his Sunday Telegraph article. The Sun, by contrast, virtually ignored the But the criticism did not

come exclusively from the Right. The Independent's leader was probably the most venomous of all: That he [Blair] has faith is well and good but he must not insult our intelligence with platitudes about gospel socialism and an exegesis which ignores the entire chequered history of the Christian Church." Part of the reason for the

outbreak of this preposterous pseudo-row was, ironically, the fact that it was Easter: there is often a desperation in newspapers about finding any story beyond routine Bank Holiday travel dramas. But Mr Blair is surely experienced enough by now to understand that everything he says, on any topic, is bound to attract press attention.

He might well have thought he was safe in making a deeply personal, sensitive statement which would be, in his eyes, politically neutral. Now he knows: for the British press, nothing, not even one's religious beliefs, is sacred.

THE TIMES DILLONS FORUM

RICHARD DAWKINS, the controversial biologist, will argue at a Times/Dillons forum that Darwin has the answers to all Nature's complexities.

The forum, on April 25, marks the publication of Professor Dawkins's book, Climbing Mount Improbable (Viking, £20). He will discuss the difference between accident and design in Nature and show how DNA has

progressed through geological time. Chaired by Sir John Maddox, the former editor of Nature, the forum will be held at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £10 (concessions £7.50), which include £3 off the price of Professor Dawkins's book, are available by phoning 0171-915 6613, by faxing the coupon below on 0171-915 6611, or by sending the coupon and your remittance to Dillons, 82 Gower Street, London WCIE 6EQ, where tickets can also be

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NEWS

Rates down again in mortgage war

■ The mortgage war among banks and building societies intensified when the Nationwide cut its variable rate for a million borrowers by a quarter of a point to 6.74 per cent.

The new rate, a belated response to last month's base rate cut, is the lowest to be declared by a major lender and is half a point below most of its rivals. Interest paid to savers will also be cut. The Nationwide last cut its mortgage rate by just under half a point in February.....

US helicopters poised for Liberia airlift

■ US helicopters were poised to begin the evacuation of hundreds of Americans and Britons who had sought refuge in the American Embassy while fighting continued in Monrovia, the Liberian capital. A State Department official said the helicopters would not return empty....

Veterans claim

Second World War veterans who preferred to "bite the bullet" and accept their wartime sufferings rather than ask for a pension after demobilisation are coming forward in their thousands to claim their rightsPage I

Nurse's struggle

A British nurse battled aboard a jumbo jet to save a tennis player who had collapsed with a suspected brain infection Page 1

Clarke advised

Kenneth Clarke was urged by Conservative MPs to stand firm against demands for Britain to take part in a new exchange-rate mechanism Page 2

Regulator accused

A scathing report on the first year of the National Lottery accuses Peter Davis, the regulator, of failing to perform his basic duties to

curb the gambling excesses of addicts and children Page 3

Investigation agreed The Serious Fraud Office will launch an official investigation into the multi-million pound col-

lapse of the Ostrich Farming

Corporation... Advert ruling

A complaint on behalf of the Queen about a faked photograph of the Princess of Wales kissing Paul Gascoigne has been upheld by the Advertising Standards .. Page 6

Doctors' helpline

The British Medical Association has opened a 24-hour counselling service to help doctors to deal with stress and discourage them from turning to drugs or al-

Tory defeat likely

Senior Tories are backing away from Kenneth Clarke's confident forecast of a victory in the Staffordshire Southeast by-election, conceding that defeat is more

Avckbourn's dream

Alan Ayckbourn vividly remembers the time 30 years ago when he sat at the bedside of his dying mentor Stephen Joseph, cutting up pieces of card to shape their dream theatre Page 10

Andreotti trial

The murder trial of Giulio Andreotti, the former Italian Prime Minister, begins in a fortified courtroom near Perugia. Page 12 State visit protest

France was accused of putting money ahead of human rights as it rolled out the red carpet for Li Peng, the Chinese Prime

Minister... .. Page 33 Clinton criticised

Dee Dee Myers, the first woman White House press secretary, has criticised President Clinton for running a "white boys' club" where women struggle to be heard.

Astronomers find elusive brown dwarf

....Page 5

The elusive brown dwarf has been found living on its own in the Milky Way. Too big to be a planet but too small to be a Sun, brown dwarfs are the stars that fail to glitter. But they could help to solve one of the mysteries of cosmology, if they proved abundant enough to account for the "missing mass" that astronomers are certain exists but cannot identify Page 11



Snipers from the 1st Battalion, The Green Howards, test four-wheel-drive buggies for increased mobility in Germany yesterday

BUSINESS

Economy: British manufacturing output and industrial production show no underlying growth for the first time since September .Page 25

Wise men: The Chancellor was warned by a majority of his independent forecasting panel to be cautious about a tax-cutting budget in November

Dogfight: British Aerospace and Lockheed Martin are set to lobby the Government for the £2 billion prize to replace the Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft Page 25

Markets: The FTSE 100 index rose 3 points to close at 3758.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 83.6 to 83.9 after a fall from \$1.5280 to \$1.5247 and a rise from DM2.2622 to DM2.2761 Page28

Rugby union: The Rugby Football Union flung down the gauntlet to its senior clubs, asserting its right as the governing body to control the

SPORT

game in England Page 48 Golf: The Americans, Ben Crenshaw, who seems to have a golden putter, and Tom Lehman an iron will, are put under the microscope in the build-up to the Masters in .. Page 46

Yachting: A Swedish skipper brought his exciting round-theworld yatch to show off on the Hamble — the problem is that the race it was due to compete in looks

Recing: Richard Evans, racing correspondent, suggests ten horses it could pay to follow as the Flat season unfolds Page 45

ARTS .

Musical tribute: The South Bank Centre is preparing to celebrate the work of Harrison Birtwistle. A three-week season, which opens on Friday, looks at the achievements of the great avant-garde com-

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Base man: The legendary bass player Ray Brown is in Britain for a rare gig. one night at the Cheltenham Festival Page 36

Dramatist of the moment: From famine to feast, it suddenly seems to be happening for Martin Sherman, whose new play, Some Sunny Day, wil be opening in London this

Gladstone revealed; David Hart's new play, Victoriana, looks at William Gladstone's involvement with ladies of the street ...

IN THE TIMES

TOMORROW

FILMS John Travolta, left, and Christian Slater in the explosive thriller Broken Arrow, plus other new releases

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Lynne Truss on an obsession with

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BERNARD CONNOLLY A reassertion of national and parliamentary sovereignty is urgently needed in response to the everincreasing encroachments of the Maastricht treaty. It is for that reason that Verona ... can at best be no more than a holding

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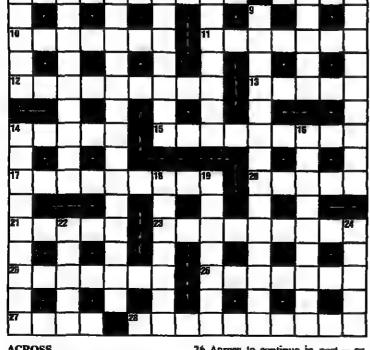
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Gunner initially opposed boarding salt water vessel (10). 1 Gunner

6 Song of joy (4). 10 Concur with detention of scholar

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14 Drink is taken in passage (5). 15 With simpleton can one put out sound agreement? (9). 17 Special card with atlas showing

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 One small measure used in org anisation provided protection (9). Drag stage out, harassed in hostile state (2,7,5).

4 Musical piece's so long, including old note repeated (7). Causes of sensational withdrawal for book? (7).

7 Revolutionary machine producing endless agitation (5).
8 It's advantageous to use old exercise books to secure pass (9). Realist's not one about to be persuaded (6,2,6).

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22 From this country. North-East you'll find China (5).
 24 Moderate Liberal support for artistic work (5).

Times Two Crossword, page 48 This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 35 per cent of the solo competitors in the Edinburgh Regional Final of The Times Aberlour Crossword Championship and by 46 per cent of the

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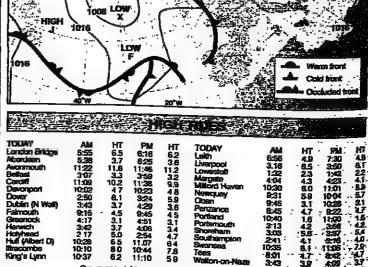
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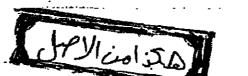
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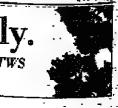
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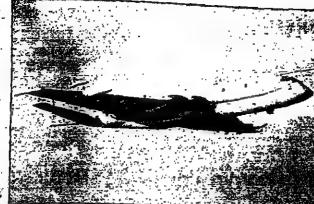
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TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

WEDNESDAY APRIL 10 1996

Dogfight over £2bn RAF deal to replace Nimrods



BAe proposes to rebuild the ageing Nimrod

THE gloves are about to come off in the £2 billion battle to provide a replacement maritime patrol aircraft for the Royal Air Force.

Despite enjoinders from the Ministry of Defence to keep the contest out of the political limelight, the contenders, British Aerospace, teamed with Boeing, and Lockheed Martin of the United States, teamed with GEC-Marconi, are poised to launch an

Intensive public lobbying campaign.
At stake are the last big Royal Air
Force programme this century, and tens of thousands of jobs in British industry. The battle also rekindles the

rivalry between BAe and GEC, through a contest that will pit BAe's desire to extend its role as a prime contractor to the MoD against GEC's determination to stay at the forefront of defence electronics.

The RAF and other airforces worldwide are keen to acquire a new generation of more capable patrol aircraft to track increasingly sophisticated Russian submarines, and the super-quiet conventional subs sold to many second-rank navies since the end of the Cold War. The aircraft would replace the RAF's 25 ageing Nimrod jets. Lockheed Martin, the world's biggest defence company, is wooing the MoD as launch customer for its Orion 2000 aircraft. The four-

engineered version of its venerable P3 Orion, with state-of-the-art, fly-by-wire controls and new, more powerful

In an unprecedented move, the company is promising an aircraft with more than 50 per cent United Kingdom content, including a GEC-Marconi mission system accounting for up to 40 per cent of the order, by value.

At least 20 per cent of all follow-on sales from the company's Marietta, Georgia, base, will be sourced from the UK. Lockheed faces a tough space, which is offering to rebuild the Nimrods with a new engine pod, engines, inner-wing and electronics.

BAe says the Nimrod's jet engines offer significant advantages.

According to Graham Chisnall,

project director of BAe's Replacement Maritime Patrol Aircraft Programme. systems integration and design work on the Nimrod replacement is equally vital to enable BAe to take technology design teams through the looming gap between completion of work on the Eurofighter, and the nascent Anglo-American Joint Advanced Strike Tech-

Although offering an American-built Boeing mission system at the heart of its bid, BAe says the lessons learned modernising Nimrod would put it in pole position to upgrade P3 Orions in use around the world.

Panel

warns

against

tax cuts BY OUR ECONOMICS

CORRESPONDENT THE Chancellor was yester-

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cutting Budget in November. Of the "six wise persons" who report on the economy twice a year, three were opposed to any tax cuts in November and argued, if anything, that the Chancellor should tighten fiscal policy.

Professor Tim Congdon of Lombard Street Research, Gavyn Davies of Goldman F&C adds Sachs and Martin Weale of to detail the National Institute for Economic and Social Research said that they were worried on director about a continuing shortfall in tax receipts and were sceptical incomes able to deliver very tight control over public spending By PAUL DURMAN

for a sustained period.

But Bridget Rosewell of Business Strategies and Kate FOREIGN & Colonial Invest-Barker of the Confederation of ment Trust has bowed to British Industry were not conpressure from its 100,000 cerned if there were small tax shareholders to give a more cuts — although Ms Barker explicit account of the said she would like them amounts paid to its senior balanced by lower spending. Only Professor Patrick Min-ford of the University of investment managers. The fuller disclosure of sala-

ry and option benefits covers Liverpool argued for tax cuts nearly five pages of the trust's of more than £2 to £3 billion. report and accounts. Professor Minford also stood out against the crowd in At first sight, the latest accounts seem to show that calling for a further 2 per cent Michael Hart, the trust's manager, and the James Ogilvy, chief executive of Foreign & off base rates to prevent the current weakness of demand turning into a prolonged per-Colonial Management (FCM). iod of very weak activity. However, the wise persons'

took big pay cuts last year. Mr Hart's pay from FCM fell from £414,000 in 1994 to £249,000 last year. Mr Ogilvy's rewards fell from £986,000 to £901,000, but the 1995 figure also includes £386,000 from a "phantom" share option scheme set up in 1989. Without this, Mr Ogilvy would have been paid £515,000.

However, Mr Ogilvy also ex-ercised more than 10,000 options in FCM, bringing immediate profit of £375,000. Including this, the total he received from the investment group last year was £1.2 million.

Mr Hart and other directors also raised substantial sums by exercising options in FCM. Mr Hart cashed in enough to produce a profit of £258,000.

Problems of obscurity on executive pay arise because executive directors are paid not by the trust, but by FCM, itself an indirect investment of the trust. Since most executives spend only part of their time on trust affairs, F&C reported only a proportion of the total amounts paid to them. Mr Hart said the directors'

reduced earnings in 1995 were due to lower bonuses.

Flat factory output points to recession

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S manufacturing output is stagnant, recording the same activity in February as it did eight months ago and languishing just below the levels reached before the

last recession hit. Manufacturing showed no. growth in February and, taking the three months to Pebruary against the previous three, was 0.5 per cens lower year, the sector was showing only 0.5 per cent growth, according to the Office for National Statistics.

- Unless there has been a sharp rebound to activity in March - not expected given: the most recent survey evi-dence — it is likely that menufacturing industry will show a contraction in the first. quarter. With activity having shrunk in the final quarter of

Shares end with show of strength

By PHILIP PANGLOS

THE much-feared slide in London share prices failed to materialise after Mouday's 88-point tumble on Wall Street The FT-SE 100 index

opened with a deficit of 29.4 points after an initial markdown, but the market soon recovered as dealers began selective buying. Conditions were mixed. but dealers' nerves were further calmed by slightly weaker-than-forecast industrial production data and a positive start on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones industrial average moved to a 21-point gain within five minutes. The FT-SE 100 index

ended up 3.0 points at 3,758.6, in thin volume of 619 million shares traded. However, conditions in New York remained volatile with the Dow nursing a 32-point deficit shortly after the London market

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last year as well, this means that manufacturing was technically back in recession at the start of this year.

The ONS estimated yesterday that the underlying trend of both manufacturing and industrial production, which includes Britain's energy sector, is now for zero growth. This is the first time this has happened since September. Against the same period last 1992 the month when sterling was forced to leave the ex-

Industrial production grew by 0.4 per cent in February, boosted by unusually cold weather during the month. In the latest three months against the previous three, industrial production was up just 0.1 per cent but was up 1.5 per cent on

a year ago.
The City is deeply divided on where manufacturing industry will go from here and what the effect of the current malaise in this sector will mean for the rest of the

есолошу. industry is currently dominated by last year's involuntary build-up in stocks as firms failed to anticipate the slowdown in growth. It is still an open question how quickly stock levels can be reduced and production return to more normal levels.

David Walton, of Goldman Sachs, noted that yesterday's figures showed a pick-up in the output of consumer goods. at an annualised rate of 2.3 per cent in the three months to February, in response to buoyancy in consumer demand. He

said that, provided consumer growth remains firm, the stock adjustment should largely be complete by the middle of this year.

But Alex Garrard, of UBS, said that there are few signs of manufacturers running down stocks in earnest. He said that more stocks-related weakness coupled with anaemic economic activity in continental Europe should mean that base rates have further to fall.

A majority of the Chan lor's independent forecasting panel yesterday said that the next move in rates should not necessarily be downwards despite the fact that none of them comes close to the Treasury's 3 per cent prediction for growth this year. The highest forecast was for growth of 2.5 per cent and the average of the six forecasts was only 2.2 per cent.

The Treasury's growth fore-cast is highly dependent on a bounce in consumer spending which it predicts will grow by 3.5 per cent this year. However, today's distributive trades survey from the Confederation of British Industry shows that retail sales growth

is slowing. Yesterday's output figures showed that the output of the investment goods industries fell by 0.4 per cent in the three months to February compared with the previous three sug-gesting that investment remains subdued along with the broader economy.

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UBS and Crédit Suisse in merger talks

By Patricia Tehan BANKING CORRESPONDENT

SWITZERLAND'S two biggest banks, Union Bank of Switzerland and CS Holding, parent of Credit Suisse, have confirmed that they are in merger talks in a move that could lead to thousands of job cuts in their domestic markets and in London.

A merger of UBS, the biggest bank in Switzerland, and Credit Suisse, the second biggest, would create a European banking and investment banking giant. The combined group would represent more than Sfr3 billion (£1.63 billion) in annual net profit and would have total assets of around Sfr800 billion (£435 billion).

Both banks have massive investment banking operations in London, employing several thousand staff.
There would be widespread implications for jobs at the UBS office in Broadgate and Crédit Suisse's oper-

ations in Canary Wharf.
CS Holding confirmed that a telephone conversation had taken place between Rainer Gut, its chairman, and Nikolans Senn, chairman of UBS, last week and that they "explored the issue of whether it might be appropriate to

support Martin Ebner, the UBS shareholder who is planning to oppose the nomination of UBS executive Robert Studer to succeed Mr Senn as chairman at the bank's stockholders' meeting next Tuesday. CS Holding also denied that it

wanted to take control of UBS. After initially refusing to comment on the CS Holding statement, UBS last night confirmed that the call had taken place and said its board will meet tomorrow evening to discuss the merger proposals from CS

discuss a merger. Holding.

The bank denied press reports in The CS Holding statement said

Gut "explored the issue of whether it might be appropriate to discuss a merger between Switzerland's two biggest banks, saying that current trends in the Swiss and international banking industry meant that the question was bound to be raised sooner or later".

Mr Gut also told Mr Senn that The challenges thrown up by the globalisation of financial services and the continuing restructuring process within Switzerland's banking industry demanded far-sighted

Analysts said last night that a

decision to go ahead with such amerger would be made primarily on domestic grounds, but would have massive implications for international investment banking operations, particularly on the debt side of

A merger would raise monopoly issues in Switzerland and would lead to widespread political opposition as the banking industry em-ploys around a third of the Swiss population and a merger would lead to mass layoffs.

CS Holding shares gained almost 5.75 per cent yesterday, but UBS was up a mere 0.3 per cent on the day.

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Retail sales growth **'slowed** in March'

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

has dropped to 42 per cent.

The March survey also shows

that retail sales are regarded

as only just above average for

Sudhir Junankar, the CBI's

associate director of economic

analysis, said: "Retailers had

expected a faster pace of growth in March and the

survey indicates that the un-

derlying three monthly

growth trend seems to be

pausing even though retailers

still consider sales to be mar-

ginally above average for the

time of year." He said that

retailers were still confident

that sales would pick up in April but that this would

depend on a stronger Easter

Kate Barker, chief econo-

mist at the CBI, said in her

submission to the report of the

Chancellor's independent

panel of lorccasters yesterday

that consumer spending was

the great unknown of current

forecasts of the domestic econ-

omy. She is predicting an

ing this year of some 2.8 per cent, compared with the Trea-

sury's forecast of 3.5 per cent.

that all sectors of the high street

saw more buoyant trading in

March than they did last year.

apart from specialist food and

footwear and leather shops

Retailers with the closest links

to the housing market did well.

Hardware, china and DIY

shops reported the biggest

jumps in business. This app-

ears to back up other anecdotal

evidence and recent mortgage

lending figures which suggest

that the housing market is

beginning to show genuine

The CBI report today says

ease in consumer spend-

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BRITISH consumers appear more confident and willing to spend more freely but the pace of growth of retail sales slowed in March, according to the distributive trades survey from the Confederation of

British Industry, out today This is the sixth successive month in which the number of retailers reporting an increase in business, rather than a fall, compared favourably with the situation a year before.

But March saw the difference between those enjoying an upturn and those suffering a downturn narrow to 27 per cent from 30 per cent in

Expectations for sales this month have also fallen back. In February, the proportion of those expecting further strong growth in sales over the next month, minus those expecting a decline, had been 45 per cent. That figure in today's survey

Stocks of US unsold goods fall

BY OUR CITY STAFF

STOCKS of unsold goods on wholesalers' shelves in America fell in February for the first time in nearly two years, the Commerce Department reported yesterday, signalling progress in whittling down overstocked inventories.

Total inventories fell 0.2 adjusted \$255.8 billion. after a revised increase of 0.6 per cent in January. It was the first monthly decline in wholesale inventories since a 0.5 per cent fall in March 1994, department officials said.

The decline in February inventories was evident in reduced stocks of durable goods, including metals and minerals, electrical products and professional and commercial goods. Inentories of non-durable goods, such as oil and farm-product raw materi-als also fell, the department said.

Big stockpiles of unsold goods that forced manuacturers to hold back production were cited as a drag on economic growth through much of last year. The report said the "inventory correction" may finally be coming to an end.

> TOURIST RATES



THE New York Stock Exchange

wants to ease restrictions on broad

price swings for the first time since the

curbs were imposed after the October

The so-called "circuit breakers"

were designed by the NYSE and

federal Securities and Exchange Com-mission to slow the market's plunge in

the event of another sharp sell-off. But

concern that the rules are out of date

has grown amid a more than doubling

in the value of the Dow Jones

industrial average since 1988, when

In London the Stock Exchange has

resisted calls for the introduction of

similar restrictions when trading is

volatile. But a number of European

bourses favour constraints to restore

calm. In New York a 50-point change

1987 stock market crash.

the rules took effect.



David Witt with Tim Dewhirst, chairman, centre, and Scott Beattie, finance director

British Coal's doctor

wins RJB health work

Profits and investment jump at **Dewhirst**

By SARAH BAGNALL

DEWHIRST, a supplier of clothing and toiletries to Marks & Spencer, plans to step up its investment by a massive 80 per cent to about £15 million in the current

The news came as the company revealed a sharp leap in pre-tax profits from E17 million to E22.3 million in the year to January 12. Sales of £278.9 million were up from £247.3 million last time.

The planned capital expenditure programme, which represents 67 per cent of last year's pre-tax profits, is being funded out of the group's cash

Net cash stood at £22.3 million at the year end, up £4.2 million from last time. David Witt, chief executive,

said the bulk of the current year's capital expenditure is to fund the group's investment in offshore manufacturing. Dewhirst is building factories in areas such as Morocco and the Far East in order to have greater control over sup-

ply and so it can respond swiftly to shifts in demand and at a lower unit cost. The company, which supplies all its clothing and 85 per cent of its overall sales to M&S, lifted the final dividend from 2p to 26p, making a total for the year of 3.6p, compared to 2.65p last time.

The dividend, due for payment on July I, is being paid out of earnings of 11.61p a share, up from 8.91p last time. The shares fell 3p to close at

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BY OUR CITY STAFF

with Apple Computers to license the Macintosh operating system. The agreement is likely to be signed in the next few days

ops the PowerPC chip and Motorola's computer systems unit, it is understood.

The pact would be another move in Apple's push to license its Macintosh operating system, one of the key goals set by Gil Amelio. Apple's new chief executive. when he took over the troubled computer maker in early

IBM set for licence pact with Apple

IBM is close to signing a pact

with the IBM unit that develwould be similar to a pact that Apple signed in February with

February. IBM will not build Macintosh clones but will have the right to sub-license the Mac system to other makers seeking to develop Mac clones based on the PowerPC chip.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Chargeurs out of MGM bidding

CHARGEURS, the French media and industrial group, is dropping out of the running to buy Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. the Hollywood film studio that the French Government has put on the auction block. The French state became the improbable owner of MGM through the ill-fated expansion spree of Credit Lyonnais, the state-owned bank. Sources close to the sale have said there is no official asking price for MGM, famed for its roaring lion logo.

The Government is reported to be hoping to get between \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion, and possibly more, to recoup some of the \$2.5 billion which Credit Lyonnais sunk into the studio. The bank acquired MGM in 1992 when Giancarlo Parretti, the Italian financier and its then owner, defaulted on loans. Chargeurs' decision came after it examined the MGM sale prospectus. It leaves PolyGram, the music and film company, as the only potential European suitor.

BT prices debate

BT and Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, are to: debate the price controls that will determine the future profitability of BT's domestic operations at a public hearing at London University's Senate House on April 17. Offel has proposed that BT reduces its prices by between 5 and 9 per cent, less allowance for retail price inflation, between mid-1997, when the current cap expires, and 2001. The exact level of the new price cap will depend on factors such as BT's cost of capital and the expected growth in the telecoms market.

Halcyon receivership

HALCYON RETAIL a specialist retailer of Benetton goods, has gone into receivership. Halcyon employs 100 staff and traded under the banner "United Colours of Benetton" out of eight outlets in London and the South East, Scott Barnes, head of corporate recovery at Grant Thornton and joint receiver to Halcyon, said: "We intend to continue to trade whilst a potential purchaser is sought." Halcyon lost E400,000 in the year to August 27 and has continued to lose. money. Full-year turnover was forecast at £3.7 million.

Rival

Nissan names president

NISSAN, Japan's second largest carmaker, named a new president yesterday who said he wanted a leaner, meaner company able to cope better with difficult business conditions. Yoshikazu Hanawa is currently executive vice president. The current president, Yoshifumi Tsuji, who becomes chairman, said Mr Hanawa, 62 was named new president to bring younger blood and vigour to the top management. Nissan suffered losses in each of the past three years but is expected to make a profit in the year to March 31, 1996.

Panther bid deadline

PANTHER SECURITIES, the quoted property company, has until the weekend to raise its £6.8 million partial takeover offer for Elys, the Wimbledon-based department store. Panther has launched an unusual two-tier cash offer for Elys, comprising 750p for a third of the shares and 485p. for the balance. It has, however, been blocked from acquiring all of Elys' equity as three of the department store's trustees representing 39.17 per cent of the equity, have rejected the offer. Elys shares stand at 600p. Panther's at 63p.

Low & Bonar outbid

LOW & BONAR, the UK packaging and plastics company. has been outbid in its attempt to acquire Rotonics Manufacturing, a US plastics business. In February L&B announced it had reached agreement in principle to buy all the outstanding shares in Rotonics for \$2.34 per share in cash, valuing the business at \$33 million subject to contract, completion of due diligence and regulatory approvals. A decision had been expected by the

Haslehurst at Reliance

GEOFF HASLEHURST, the finance director of Laura Ashley who left abruptly following the arrival of Ann Iverson as chief executive last summer, has resurfaced as finance director of Reliance Security. Mr Haslehurst, who started his new job yesterday, replaced John Toop, who left Reliance earlier this year. Brian Kingham, chairman of Reliance, said he was pleased to have someone of Mr Haslehurst's ability joining the board. Mr Haslehurst has previously worked with Thorn UK Rental and Next. . . :

Japan stance welcomed

IAN LANG, President of the Board of Trade, said he welcomes the expiry of the Japan/US semiconductor agreement at the end of July and hopes it is not renewed, a situation he said would bring greater benefit to British companies. Mr Lang. who is in Tokyo accompanying British businesses on a trade mission, was meeting with his Japanese counterpart. Shunpei Tsukahara. Japan opposes an extension of the five-year bilateral accord which provides for a minimum foreign share of 20 per cent of the local market.

Satellite link for Wales

CARDIFF BAY has been chosen as the site for a £50 million satellite earth station, which should attract new multimedia companies to Wales and could create up to 3,500 jobs over the next five years. The station announced yesterday, which will link companies in Wales with the Orion FI satellite, is being developed by an international consortium of companies, including the Orion network of the US, Cable-Tel, Christiani and Nielsen. TCI and Hyder. They plan to establish a 30-acre multimedia business park alongside the station.

signs of recovery. By Marianne Curphey In the motor trade, the CBI BRITISH COAL'S former dilocal authorities and govern-Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, reported that there was only a is also headed by Bob Ellis and Derek Smallwood, formodest rise in sales in March rector of occupational health ment departments. It has mobile X-ray units and that sales are still considhas won a five-year private merly the managing director contract to provide health and health screening units. ered to be below average. permitting it to provide a and the finance director of

screening for RJB Mining. Britain's biggest coal Dr Sivami Afacan is chief

executive and medical director of Business Healthcare Limited (BHL), which was the only operator to be invited by RJB Mining to bid for the contract. Neither Bupa, the largest healthcare provider in Britain, nor Norwich Union. were involved in the negotiations.

RJB bought the bulk of the collieries and openeast sites formerly owned by British Coal for £815 million in April last year.

RJB declined yesterday to disclose the value of the contract. The new healthcare company, which is based in

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

- now amounting to less than I per cent and triggered by Monday morn-

ing's drop - is now fairly routine, but

generated trading.

triggers curbs on computer-

But the proposed changes would

only affect a 250-point Dow shift or a

400-point move. The stock exchange narrowly averted closing early last

month when the Dow approached the

The changes would halve the delays

Under the proposals, a 250-point

change in the Dow from the previous

day's close would spur a halt in

trading for 30 minutes. The trading

delay for a 400-point Dow change

would be cut to one bour from two.

250-point threshold in its final hour.

in trading triggered by big movements

in the Dow, a key indicator of market

Coal Products Ltd. the British Coal smokeless fuels subsidiary that was sold to its own

management buyout team. The company will provide health screening and monitoring for all 9.500 RJB employees, and will undertake medical examinations of nev entrants, advice on first-aid training. X-rays of employees at four-yearly intervals and a range of other health services.

BHL, which is operating from a new headquarters in Mansfield, was not available for comment yesterday. The company was established while the privatisation of British Coal was being finalised and already serves privatised collieries, manufacturers,

Wall Street seeks to ease restrictions

workplace service throughout

the United Kingdom, and a team of doctors, nurses and radiographers. A spokesman for RJB confirmed that the service had not been put out to tender. He said: "Between the privatisation of British Coal last

January and today's announcement, BHL has been running a transitional service and we are happy that we have been able to provide some continuity.

"This is one of a number of former British Coal services now run by private companies the others include public relations and mines rescue. RJB has been very happy with the transitional service."

There would be no changes to limits in

computer-generated trading that kick

in after the Dow industrials move 50

points in either direction from the

The NYSE board approved the

proposals last Thursday and plans to

submit them for approval to the SEC within the next few days, an NYSE

Market experts have argued that the

circuit breakers are increasingly irrel-

evant. For example, a 250-point plunge

would have been a remarkable 12 per

cent decline in October 1988 when the

Today, because the market has more than doubled in value since 1988.

the Dow only has to fall about 4.5 per

cent before it would trigger such a

rule was first tested on the NYSE.

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spokesman said.



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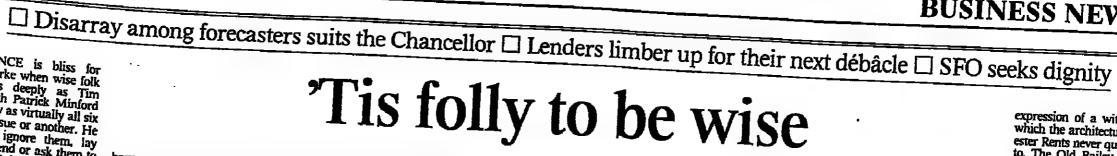
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☐ IGNORANCE is bliss for Kenneth Clarke when wise folk are split as deeply as Tim Congdon with Patrick Minford and as widely as virtually all six are on one issue or another. He can blithely ignore them, lay them end to end or ask them to change a lightbulb and stand back for a few laughs.

If the six agreed, by contrast, their message would not be a comfortable one. The Chancellor would be confronted with one of two uncomfortable propositions. Either the received wisdom would be that growth is picking up but will be inflationary next year and needs to be curbed, or that he is negligently incom-petent and needs to joit into life last to stop the economy sliding into recession.

Even in their foolish disarray, the independent economists do agree on one thing. The Chan-cellor's stoic refusal to budge on his Budget prediction of 3 per cent growth this year belies the odds. It is an exercise in hombast odds. It is an exercise in bombast rather than forecasting. Their own projections range from 1.8 per cent to 2.5 per cent.

This is more than a guessing game. Unemployment, public spending, tax revenue and the Budget deficit are all sensitive to such differences. Hence all six expect the public sector to need to

borrow more for 1995-96, this year and for 1997-98 than the Treasury projected in December. Near-term, the differences are not critical. For 1997-98, how-ever, the average forecast is £21 billion against the Treasury's £15 billion.

billion. Yet the forecasters, averaged out, assume that growth will accelerate to 3.3 per cent in 1997. To protect state finances and, equally, to stop inflationary growth, that suggests Mr Clarke would encounter the look-silly factor if he were cavalier with Rudget handouts is his about Budget handouts in his planned run-up to the election.

For the moment, the hard evidence is with Mr Minford, who wants more interest rate cuts and reckons that, under these circumstances, flirting with any form of fixed currency condemns Mr Clarke's steward-ship. Unless next month's batch of statistics shows a hitherto unnoticed surge in manufac-turing in March, industry is now experiencing what apologists might term a minus recovery. Optimists cite consumer windfalls from electricity and build-

ing society conversions as a ready self-starter but the equally problematical "mad-cow" effect, too late for these forecasts, could

The markets are, however, with Mr Congdon. So is Eddie George, who will surely stop licking his forecasting wounds and come growling from his lair again if anything too nice happens to growth, jobs or take-home pay. The prospect of 3.3 are nome pay. The prospect of 3.3 per cent growth next year would surely give him palpitations.

The likely outcome is that growth will disappoint but Mr Clarke will not dare do much

Competition cuts margin for error

D BANKING is one of the few industries where competition tends to push up the price. To have more money to lend, you need to attract more first. But a buyers' market in housing and the battle between brake and the battle between banks and mutuals has changed all that.



Most banks and building societies now have more money than they reckon they can lend prudently.

prudently.

The new banking companies such as Abbey National, Halifax and Lloyds' Cheltenham & Gloucester will therefore have to think carefully before they respond to the Nationwide and Yorkshire. These building societies are seeking to reassert the eties are seeking to reassert the historic role of mutual organisations that had no dividends to pay and could therefore lend more cheaply and pay depositors better than the high street banks. The new banks reckon their more accepted new financial status and deeper pockets will

allow them to borrow more cheaply and buy the systems to operate services more efficiently. The scene is therefore set for a battle over who has the lowest costs, provided banks and neobanks care to fight for market share on price. This is far from

being a foregone confcusion. The Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation recently polled banking professionals to ask them what might be the likeliest cause of the next banking crisis. Banks do seem addicted to crises. The favourite candidate for banana skin, based on this bitter experience was a on this bitter experience, was a fear that overcapacity would lead to folly, as internal pressures to lend led bankers to take silly

risks once more.

So far, that fear has been confined mainly to big-ticket corporate lending. Having been bitten once on mortgages, most lenders are a sight more shy of risky borrowers and properties than they were a decade ago. Soon, however, they may be faced with a choice between unseen higher risks, visibly

lower margins or loss of trade. Only brave executives will dare to suggest sticking the surplus cash into gilt-edged.

A serious venue for serious fraud

□ NEWS that major fraud trials are set to return to the Old Bailey smacks of a straw blowing in the right direction. Serious fraud presumably warrants a serious hearing at a serious venue. The Old Bailey most certainly fits the bill (no pun intended), whereas Chichester Rents, situated in Chancery Lane, does not.

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To the casual observer, Chichester Rents, host to the George Walker and Maxwell courtroom epics, represents little more than a converted office block (precisely what it is) with an aura to match. The casual observer's perspective may not matter one whit but, should the jury share such views, a degree of gravitas is inevitably lost. At the least, jurors will now have the benefit of being able to watch the

expression of a witness, a feat which the architecture of Chichester Rents never quite lent itself to. The Old Bailey will, so the argument goes, restore dignity and formality to white collar trials. In the event, the Serious Fraud Office's case load is running at a record of more than 70. partly reflecting the lowering of the referral ceiling from £5 million to £1 million. George Staple, Director of the SFO, has fought a strong rearguard action in the wake of the Guinness and Blue Arrow controversies. Critics are bluntly reminded that since the SFO's inception in 1988, some 148 trials have led to the convictions of 210 defendants: a hit rate of 62 per cent. Onwards to Maxwell II, scheduled for October at the earliest.

Confidence trick

PANIC makes bad law for markets as well as parliaments. After the 1987 crash, the New York Stock Exchange put in progressive anti-crash barriers for moves of 50 points, 250 and 400 in the Dow Jones average. Since then, the Dow has more than doubled, making the rules far more cautious than intended. The NYSE chose Easter to suggest they be relaxed. That is great chutzpah or lousy timing.

Rivalry weakens banks and building societies

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

THE profitability of UK banks he added, "banks were able to and building societies is under threat as they battle in an rely on inflation to get them-selves out of difficulties increasingly fierce competitive through the appreciation of security. That is no longer environment. According to research published this week by Standard & Poor's, the credit guaranteed." The report follows a hard-

rating agency, the main risk facing UK financial instituhitting study published last month by the Centre for the tions is competition. Study of Financial Innovation, A survey of the UK banking which also suggested that industry shows that increasintense competition in the ing levels of competition are forcing down margins and putting earnings under pres-sure. Ian Linnell, associate director of S&P, said banks banking sector would be the cause of the next banking Crisis. are responding by paying attention to their cost bases

and stripping out costs as much as possible." In the past,

In his survey, Mr Linnell said competition in the UK banking sector has intensified over the past 15 years as a result of "deregulation, despecialisation and disintermediation." The low interest rate environment has added to the competitive pressure, he

Despite the changes taking places in banks, as they turn themselves into "financial supermarket-type franchises with significant market share offering a wide range of services to capture as many of a client's transactions as possible", banks are vulnerable to niche players, he said. These are attempting to cherrypick the most profitable sectors.

Despite his concerns, Mr Linnell said the pressure would not have an impact on credit ratings, since banks were well capitalised and have

already, in some cases, suf-fered downgrades.

Mr Linnell published a separate study of the UK building society market. He said the member reward schemes being introduced by societies in an effort to demonstrate the advantages of mutual status over conversion to a public company could have a negative impact on earnings. "A price war in the sector which could substantially reduce carnings and capitalisation, particularly if accompanied by a deterioration in asset quality, would inevitably put the system's ratings under pressure," he

Harrisons finance director resigns

THE finance director of Harrisons & Crostield resigned yesterday, just three weeks after the chemicals and building supplies group an-nounced its annual results. Martin Anderson appar-

ently left because of a personality clash with Bill Turcan, chief executive. His exit unsettled a puzzled City and shares in the group ended the day 9p down at 148p.

Mr Turcan gave little ex-planation for Mr Anderson's departure, but emphasised: There is no question of financial impropriety, there are no financial or accounting issues. This is not another Woolwich. We jointly agreed that we would part

company. There was no single issue

Mr Turcan said the group's report will show that Mr Anderson, who was on a two-year contract, was paid £191,000 last year. Although compensation has yet to be agreed, this suggests Mr Anderson could receive up to £380,000.

Mr Anderson joined Har-risons & Crosfield two years ago. He was previously a corporate financier with Hill Samuel, the merchant bank. Mr Turcan said Harrisons

& Crosfield had some strong internal candidates for the post of finance director. The company has also appointed

Microsoft enters 'intranet' alliance

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

MICROSOFT has formed an alliance with MCI, the telecommunications company, and Digital Equipment, the computer maker, to provide a new kind of computer system for companies.

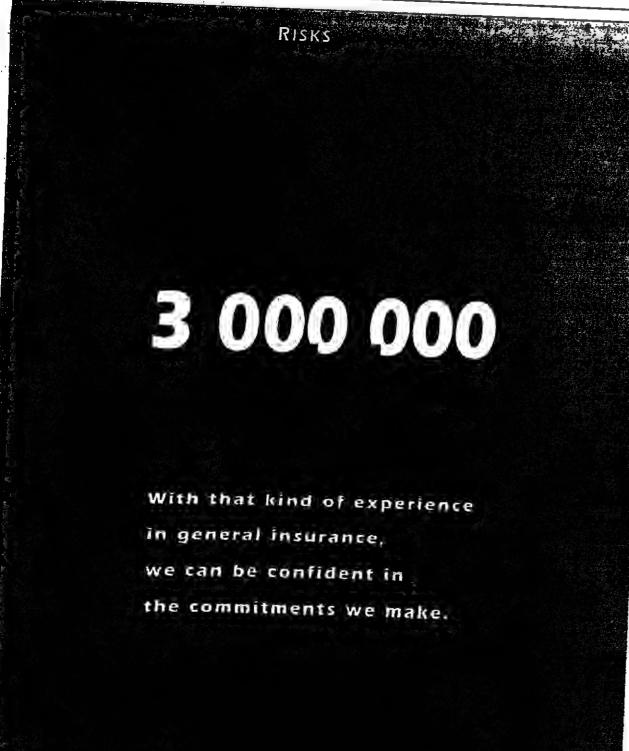
The move is part of Microsoft's aggressive drive to win back a dominant position in the Internet, which smaller rivals are threatening to steal

The new grouping will pro-vide companies with "intranet" systems — a kind of internal Web network not open to the public, intranet systems, which use much the same software as the public Internet system, are useful for electronic mail, messaging and internal company communications. Microsoft, Digital and MCI,

which is 20 per cent owned by British Telecom, said that the intranet business was worth about \$400 million in the US, and estimated that it would grow to \$8 billion by 1998.

Microsoft will supply the software, while Digital will provide the necessary hardware to set up intranet sys-tems. MCI will contribute the communications expertise that is necessary to link up the

Microsoft has not established the dominant position on the Internet that it enjoys in the personal computer software market. Over the past two months, however, it has sought to outmanocuvre smaller rivals, such as Netscape, that provide internet software.







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Shares end higher after a roller-coaster ride

roller-coaster ride as the chill gripping the New York market thawed before it had time to take a grip on this side of the Atlantic.

Equities endured a nervous start following an overnight 88.5 point tumble on Wall Street, which came after Good Friday's US bond market slide inspired by unexpectedly strong US employment figures. Shares recovered from an early 29.4 point fall, with City nerves calmed as a return of buying interest at lower levels combined with slightly weaker than forecast industrial production data and a resilient performance by sterling.

Sentiment in London was further bolstered by an initial positive start in New York. though the Dow Jones industrial average encountered volatile early trading.

The FT-SE 100 index closed 3.0 higher at 3,758.6. Volume was thin, with only 604 million shares traded as many dealers and buyers enjoyed an extended Easter break.

There was a two-way pull on Abbey National, down ip to 502p. Abbey failed to hold an early rise inspired by broker recommendations as the Nationwide Building Society stepped up competition in the mortgage market with a quarter-point cut in its standard variable mortgage rate. Abbey received an initial boost as SBC Warburg, the house broker, reiterated its buy recommendation. The broker said it feels that the market is being too pessimistic about the effects of margin erosion on profits and sees the stock as relatively cheap at current levels. Credit Lyonnais Laing was also positive on Abbey, moving the shares from a "hold" to a "buy".

Elsewhere, Lloyds TSB firmed 22p to 3182p after builish noises from BZW.

Allied Irish, Ireland's biggest bank, dipped 1p to 339p after being tipped as the latest possible suitor for Bristol & West Building Society, which is thought to be reviewing its prospects, having appointed Morgan Stanley and Rothschild, the merchant banks, as advisers. AIB refused to com-

British Gas advanced 4½p to 239p, on volume of 10.9 talk of a possible bid from BP. up 2½p to 579½p, though most

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Martin Edwards has seen success on the pitch boost shares

tical of this rumour. British Aerospace fell 10p to 358p on news that its finance director is to become chairman of Amersham International, up

The share price dip came in spite of talk that BAe is emerging as a leading bidder for one of Australia's key defence businesses, AWA De-fence, in a deal which would

points clear in the FA Carling Granada Group eased 3p, to 794p, before a presentation to sector analysts that will provide them with an update on trading ahead of the company's closed period. Analysts are keen to hear how the integration of Forte is progressing, as well as news on disposal plans of former Forte assets, including the Savoy stake.

mark the first step of a major expansion drive into Australia. BAe is also tendering for a contract to supply up to 40 training fighter aircraft to the Royal Australian Air Force in a deal which analysts estimate is worth up to A\$1 billion.

Talk of increasing corporate activity and bid speculation helped Schroders to jump 30p to £12.30 and Standard Chartered 12p to 637p, while a

Premiership and still on course for an FA Cup and Premiership double, as well as next season's lucrative European Cup competition. However, a sober reminder of investments in the football world at the other end of the scale saw shares in beleaguered Miliwall dip 4p to 24p as relegation fears loom for the First Division club. Shares in Dewhlest, the

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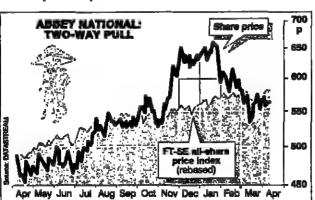
Easter weekend translated

into gains on the stock market,

with shares in the football

dub, where Martin Edwards

is chief executive, climbing 234p to 315p. Man Utd is six



Marks & Spencer clothing supplier, eased 3p to 186p in spite of a 30 per cent advance in full-year pre-tax profits to £22.3 million But Stirling Group, the clothing company whose principal customer is also M&S, jumped 7p to 60p bid target for Dewhirst.

Pendragon, the motor deal that specialises in the luxury end of the market, rose 2p to 276p after being awarded representation rights for Fia and Alfa Romeo in Greater London, Pendragon plans 15 new car showmoms

Rentokil, the environmental and industrial services group, eased 2 p to 368p as the market waits to see if it will raise its £1.8 billion hostile offer for BET, up lp at 208p. Rentokil again urged share-holders to accept its offer for the business services group, though many analysts still think that an increase of just 5p to 10p in the existing 205.6p

share offer is likely. Elys (Wimbledon), the deparument stores group, has urged shareholders to reject the E7 million offer from Panther Securities, the commercial property investor. Observers said Elys, unchanged at 600p, appears to have substantial investor backing, with trustees representing nearly 40 per cent of the equity saying they have no present intention of accepting the offer. Panther rose ip to 63p. Harrisons & Crosfield fell

9p to 148p on news that Martin Anderson has resigned as finance director after less than two years in the job. A spokesman for the company said Mr Anderson and the group had jointly agreed to part company. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Gilts opened with losses of almost one full point on the back of the recent falls suffered by the

US bond market. There was a gradual recovery throughout the day, but volumes were The June series of the long gilt future ended 18 ticks lower at £105932, as a mere 28,000 contracts were traded. Among conventional stocks, shorts

dated issues retreated by about £% and index-linked fell about £3 NEW YORK: The Dow Jones industrial average was down 15.90 points to 5.578.47 at midday after an early rally faded. Advancing shares led declines by 13 to eight.

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Tarnished gold

FANS of gold are getting a little bit impatient at the price of the metal, which stubbornly hovers below the \$400 an ounce level. notwithstanding a brief surge at the beginning of the year. Even the threat of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan has done little to excite investors - some had hoped that the political crisis would generate panic conversion of savings into gold. In the event, the Taiwanese opted for dollars instead, causing a temporary

shortage of that commodity. The Taiwanese option ought to raise a slight doubt over the durability of the Asian obsession with gold as a store of value. The steady absorption of the gold supply in jewellery for Asian consumers is a backstop argument for bulls but as economies become more sophisticated, investors may look for even more liquid but reliable investment media.

What is both troubling but reassuring forgold investors is the long-term purchasing power of gold. Using American inflation as a price deflator over the last 35 years, gold ought to be worth \$430 an ounce if it is to maintain its value but the metal has failed to. maintain its worth for most of the last five

Nevertheless, there are some powerful reasons why that could soon change. Demand is growing well ahead of supply and production has undershot demand since the

beginning of the 1980s. Traditionally, gold prices have shot ahead just before periods of rising industrial production. The price premiums of gold mining shares have come down and with US industrial activity turning up we may be in for a price recovery.

Vitec

THINK of a dream business and you might come up with something like Vitec. A smallish engineering group which virtually controls the growing market for a lowish technology product, selling it at a 25 per cent operating margin. Since 1989, Vitec, formerly Vinten, has acquired the two

brands, virtually sewing up the market; and last year the acquisition of Sachtler gave Viter about three quarters of the world market for studio and external camera mounting equipment.
In a larger arena, such

market shares might provoke regulatory attention or at least the arrival of interlopers, leading to a squeeze on its fat margins. However, the group's total sales last year were less than £60 million and in such a discrete market

serving American or European broadcasting com-panies, Vitec is left alone.

Nevertheless, Vitec's success has bred a problem. Earnings will be flattish this year after exponential growth because of a sharply rising tax charge. The company needs a new business; will eventually sell its small airborne surveillance

camera business, a deal that could almost wipe out its. debt, leaving scope for a third leg.

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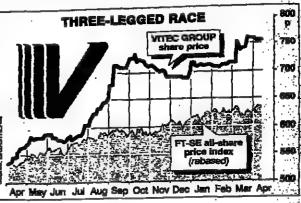
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That means a new business area, a risk for a company so tightly — and successfully Meanwhile, shareholders should not be glum. In the absence of a deal, Vitec could easily double its dividend.



Dewhirst

DEWHIRST is whirling round in a virtuous circle. The clothing manufacturer is ploughing money into improved working methods and off-shore manufacturing facilities with the pleasing outcome of lower costs and better cash generation.

Dewhirst's close association with M&S, the undisputed king of the high street. is also paying dividends. Dewhirst supplies 85 per cent of its entire output and all its clothing to M&S and, as a result, the manufacturer can piggy-back on the success of the retailer.

These factors reveal themselves in rising sales, sharply higher profits and, best of all, improved trading margins. These now stand at 7.8 per cent, up from 6.8 per cent last

There is still room for improvement as Dewhirst continues to benefit from rising revenues, driven by new products and the group's

and reduced costs from theinvestment programme margins should continue to

increasing specialisation. To-gether with efficiency gains

Elys

A BLACK cat is prowling around Elys of Wimbledon, a sleepy department store that serves the south London borough, causing its staff some anxiety. Panther Securities is a bit small to swallow Elys whole so it has devised a neat scheme to obtain control while retaining the quotation and offering the department store's investors a partial exit at a premium.

Revealingly, Elys is focusing on the supposed injustice of the two-tier offer structure 750p for 1 out of 3 shares but only 485p for the balance rather than the intrinsic value of the bid. The defence rests mainly on two argu-ments: the risk of being locked in as a minority shareholder in Elys and Panther's lack of experience in retailing.

Elys management ought to blush as it makes the latter point. Its record is poor by any standards. Over the last three years, earnings have plummeted, ending with an operating loss in the year to January. Consultants have been hired in a bid to improve trading and a post office outlet is to open, but sales per square feet are pathetically weak for a store on a prune pitch in an affluent London suburb.

Were Panther to offer 750p per share for the whole lot, it would be knocked down in the rush but a minority stake in a single asset vehicle is less attractive and the listing may not survive. Nevertheless, independent investors who account for less than a third of Elys may already regard themselves as an oppressed minority and Panther has done them a favour by shaking up the management.

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Nasdaq slows Demon Dan

NASDAQ, the New York over-the-counter share market, is instituting a new rule that allows it to suspend the shares of any stock tipped by Dan Dorfman, the demon tip-ster of the CNBC TV

The controversial Mr Dorfman, America's bestknown stock market journalist, has such a spectacular effect on share prices whenever he mentions a company, that Nasdaq wants to limit wild price flunctuations. The suspensions promise to become a daily event, since Mr Doriman makes several of his frenetic TV presentations each day, often tipping a selection of

Sidelined

RED FACES all round at Railtrack as it realises that the UK's leading rail city is without a shareshop for the forthcoming decentralisation. York, a major rail centre during the nineteenth century which built rail coaches until only a few months ago and is the headquarters of East Coast Mainline, has been left off the map. Thousands of rail pensioners and current rail staff in York will have to travel to shareshops in Harrogate. Northallerton or Searborough, to register their



Lap of luxury

BROWN'S HOTEL the setting for Alexander Graham Bell's first successful telephone cail in Britain, has secured another first. It is the only hotel in the world to offer Reuter's Business Briefing Information service - at a price. Captains of industry, who pay as much as ... £600 per night to stay at the exclusive Mayfair hotel, are handing over an extra £55 per day to hire a lap-top computer to access the service.

Celebrity cakes

MEG RYAN and Bruce Springsteen were among the first passengers to sample a £100,000 deal struck between British Airways and Jane Asher, the celebrity cake cooker. Asher will bake cakes for BA international flights to mark special occasions, including Halloween, and Christmas. Asher, whose contract includes a number of free first-class flights, made the most of her new deal last week on a trip to South Africa to film 2 biscuit commercial. She handed out the inaugural batch of cakes in the shape. of spring flowerpots.

Norman castle

TOP golfers have agreed to compete in a head to head match at entrepreneur Peter de Savary's 7,500 acre playground for millionaires, the Carnegie Club in Scotland. Greg Norman, the world's munber one golfer, and US Open champion Corey Pavin, have agreed to tee off this July against the background of Skibo Castle for a match to be broadcast on American TV. Norman, dubbed The Great White Shark, has been a member of the £2,000 a year club since it opened last year, and Greg Norman's Australian Meat Pie is 2 regular feature on the

clubhouse menu. . MORAG PRESTON



The urban wasteland of Detroit, a city abandoned by a million people in 30 years but now aiming to revitalise its core with public and private funding

Motown begins drive back from its decades of decay

isitors to Detroit are appalled by the sight of thousands of abandoned buildings. One even has its own historic marker. It commemorates the spot where Henry Ford set up the first assembly line for mass production, in 1913, and where, eventually, 9,000 Model T Fords could be turned out in a

single day.
The marker notes, with unintended irony, that mass production set the pattern of abundance for life in the 20th century. It is all too obvious that good fortune has long since passed the old factory by. The roof and windows are broken. Its forecourt is cracked and strewn with lifter. Across the street, the art deco shell of a Sears department store has been boarded up for years.

Similar clumps of forsaken build-ings scar the eight-mile Woodward Avenue corridor that runs from the city limits into the heart of Detroit, where ageing skyscrapers stand empty. Numerous endeavours fell victim to the scourge, including cinemas, churches, banks, undertakers, motels, garages, cases and bowling alleys. The side streets are pockmarked with derelict houses. Many were once graceful dwellings. Now their verandahs sag and the gardens are choked with weeds and junk.

In little over 30 years, Detroit lost 200,000 jobs and nearly one million residents. One-third of its businesses and half of its population fled. What had begun as a drift to the encircling suburbs became a stampede of white and black ilight after the race riots of 1967, in which 43 people were killed and more than 400 buildings were burned. Those left behind were mostly the poor and elderly. Detroit's total of empty premises reached 15,000. No other American city suffered the dis-

tress of so great an exodus.

Now, after several false starts, Motown is rolling up its sleeves, determined to reverse the decades of

Leading the charge is Detroit's mayor, Dennis Archer, an astute and energetic politician. Like nearly 80 per cent of Detroit, Mr Archer is black, a

Ian Brodie on a comeback by Detroit as people power foils the street gangs

crucial ingredient for his credibility and effectiveness. He admits that when he took office three years ago, he inherited a dysfunctional city. Red tape was rife. City Hall's bills went unpaid for months. Phones rang unanswered. Computers sat idle. Municipal workers

were demoralised. Conservatives demanded spread privatisation of city departments, but Mr. Archer believed that government should not arbitrarily decide to do less. Instead, he formed "turnaround teams" to examine every crevice of the city's operations and to discover how they could perform better, but more thriftily. The teams were drawn from city employees, trades unions and the corporate community. Ways were found to stream-

line services and to instil leadership. The coalition forged between private and public interests was then expanded for a new task. More than a thousand participants joined forces to craft a plan for Detroit's future that would win over Mr Archer's friend and fellow Democrat in the White House, Bill Clinton. It worked.

President Clinton agreed to make Detroit an "empowerment zone" with a gift of \$100 million to ease the urban blight and tax breaks for any business -American or foreign - willing to set up shop in the zone. In a remarkable rallying of support, an additional \$2 billion has been pledged in privatedevelopment commitments by banks, corporations and foundations.

One British company is preparing to open a branch in the zone, if its bid to sell vehicle parts to Ford is successful. Mr Archer paints a rosy picture, but newcomers should brace themselves for a resurgence of trade union solidarity, as seen in the United Auto Workers' showdown with General Motors and the long strike against Detroit's two main newspapers.

just made a start on buying up 80 or so of the lifeless buildings that give Detroit's city centre the feel of a modern Acropolis. Their targets include Hudson's, a 25-storey hulk that was once the Selfridges of the Midwest, and the shuttered Statler Hotel, formerly a byword for elegance.

The plan to revitalise the city's core will mean either demolishing or refurbishing the dead buildings to make way for boutiques, offices, places of entertainment and lofts for rent to young professionals. It will take a lot of goodwill, but Detroit's Big Three --Ford, Chrysler and General Motors -are among the corporate sponsors solidly behind the project.

he would-be saviours of Detroit have scant patience for a provocative proposal by a cityscape photographer, Camilo Jose Vergara, that several blocks of the pre-Depression skyscrapers should be left standing as a national historic park of urban ruins. In his recent book, The New American Ghetto, Mr Vergara argued that the park would serve both as a monument to the fear of racism and as a warning to future planners of how quickly a city can

plunge from prosperity to despair.
For all Mr Archer's efforts, Detroit still has a severe image problem. Crime is declining, but a series of bizarre episodes has accentuated the

notion of a city on the edge. The figure-skating champion Nancy Kerrigan suffered the crippling attack on her knee in Detroit. In another case, a terrified woman escaped attackers by jumping to her death from a bridge as callous, jeering onlookers urged her on. First reports overlooked the fact that two men risked their lives trying to save the woman from drowning while others in the crowd frantically called police on cellular phones. Recently, a mother reportedly sold her 15-year-old son for

\$1,000 to pay a crack cocaine debt. Further investigation showed that he had volunteered to work for the drug

Detroit's flourishing underworld had long proved impenetrable to outside scrutiny. Now an intense FBI effort has led to 17 arrests. Among those detained is the reputed crime boss, Jack Tocco, described as one of America's most powerful Mafia figures. The accused have been linked to a 30-year trail of extortion, racketeering, illegal gambling and violence.

Nothing brought greater infamy to Detroit than, the annual convulsion before Hallowe'en known as Devil's Night. Dozens of gangs roamed the streets setting fire to abandoned structures and sometimes to those still occupied. Last year, the madness ended In a remarkable marshalling of local pride, Mr Archer recruited 30,000 volunteers to patrol the streets and to report suspicious activity. As a result, the gangs stayed at home and there were fewer fires than on a normal night.

Mr Archer has just received further confirmation that his reforms have the support of working folk as well as the Chamber of Commerce. Voters gave him an overwhelming mandate to build a new stadium for the city's major-league baseball club, the Detroit Tigers. He argued persuasively that the project was pivotal to reviving the downtown wasteland and would attract new pubs, restaurants and hotels for thousands of fans.

Sceptics were less sure, but Mr Archer's enthusiasm is infectious. He claims that Detroit's loss of population has bottomed out at a shade over one million and that the next census will show an increase. New houses are going up, a novelty for Detroit. Unemployment has dropped more than five percentage points, to 8.2 per cent - a rate comparable to that in

Mr Archer claims, justifiably, that business confidence is returning. As he puts it: "Detroit is more than on its way hack, we're on our way to becoming the new city of tomorrow." Maybe, but tomorrow will take a while to come.



Wall Street is getting used to good news

iven that the em-ployment figures the previous Friday were a genuine surprise, this week's display of steady nerves in the US markets was impressive.

There was advance warning calculated (deliberately?) to shake out nervous sellers, but the final fall in the Dow on Monday was only 1.5 per cent. Long-term interest rates have risen by less than 20 basis points. The story is solid evidence for this column's firm belief that derivatives and programme trading, which bring risk out into the open and price it, make markets less not more,

But the real question is not about the market, but about the US economy. Why was the good news about jobs so surprising? And will New York keep its nerve if the good news goes on, as it seems likely to do for some time?

The central difficulty about reading the trends in the US is to sort out the effects of the normal determinants of growth — incomes, money and wealth - which are all solidly bullish, from those of enormous and very rapid structural changes, which produce a recessionlike picture.

Consumer real incomes have been rising at an annual rate of 3.5 per cent over the last six months. Sales of houses and cars are buoyant - or in the case of cars and other durables, growing ex-plosively (a 6.6 per cent annual rate over the last half-year). The broad money supply, M2, was rising so fast up to March that the only reaction was to try to explain it away (though it then fell); and Wall Street is up some 30 per cent.

The rational response to indicators like these would be to fear early overheating. The picture is disturbingly like that of 1994, when robust growth pushed long bond yields to more than 8 per cent for a time; and bond market vigilantes draw an even more sinister parallel with the credit boom of 1986, which did trigger inflation, not to mention a 30 per cent stock market "correction". The other side of the

picture is the steady transformation of the US into a part-time service economy. Output is gently rising, despite some reported inventory problems, but employment in manufacturing has gone on falling by an average of 27,000 a month for the last year (and no less than 62,000 in the "strong"

March report). This reflects the export of jobs to low-wage Mexico, within NAFTA, and other Latin American countries. It also explains why Patrick Buchanan has been able to frighten the Republican establishment with a largely protectionist campaign in

the primaries. More important for the markets, the structural change helps to account for the job insecurity which has so far kept wage growth subdued, in spite of the strike at General Motors.

eanwhile, the service sector itself -L the growth sector of the economy — is, as here, becoming increasingly part-time. The household jobs survey does not attract the big headlines which greet the employment report, but the fact that 38 per cent of the new March jobs are shown as part-time (up from 14 per cent a year earlier) deserves more attention. It means that this sector, which is largely non-unionised, is becoming

more flexible. There are other promising signs that non-inflationary growth may still have some way to run. The huge surge which began to tail off a year ago, seems to have decidedly premature: the Fed's measure of capacity utilisation is still well below 83 per cent, fair below the danger level. This also suggests that as output responds to higher demand, there should be a renewed surge in productivity, offsetting wor-

ries about unit labour costs. Any boom is likely to be restrained. Credit card delinquencies have been rising and lenders are belatedly remembering prudence. So while more good news does seem likely, not so good as to be really frightening.



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From A.J. Welford Sir, The "affordable Lloyd's" settlement offer means exactly the opposite to many loyal names who have begged and borrowed to pay their losses and trade through, to support Lloyd's, and is manifestly unfair. They face a so-called cap of up to £100,000, but this is on top of losing all their funds at Lloyd's. These include their triple profits release, which they needed to pay creditors. litigation settlement offers and

guarantees at Lloyd's. Many names, encouraged by the very top of the Lloyd's establishment not to be "wimps" and to pay their losses, have very large Lloyd's ioss accounts with their banks. These, more often than not are secured on their homes, as

Loyal Lloyd's names the losers

A second public-private alliance has .

are their guarantees. This means, to many, that the actual finality cost is more than E500,000 on top of the funds they have already poured into Lloyd's. These are the loyal names exhorted to trade on to support Lloyd's, incurring high annual costs in the process which have not been taken into account.

Contrast their situation with the names who stopped supporting Lloyd's, for whatever reason, and did not pay their losses and ran down their funds at Lloyd's.

Their losses are being written off and the maximum they will have to find, if it can be found, is £100,000, and, often,

much less. What a shabby

ireatment from such a venerable institution and what a reflection on self-regulation. What a travesty of justice if this settlement is voted through by the majority, who did not support Lloyd's and cut their losses.

Lloyd's must recognise its debt to the loyal names in the same spirit as it has always honoured the claims from its policyholders. Surely Lloyd's did not intend the R&R to administer the "coup de grace" to those who have supported it the most.

We all want Lloyd's to

cominue and prosper, but not at the price of personal ruin. Lloyd's most ensure that it gives, at the least, the same

treatment to its loyal names as it is currently offering to those who did not support it. This means recognising that

names' debts, incurred in supporting Lloyd's, and the payment of their losses must be taken into account when the final sums are done. They must also have a profits release to appease their debtors and must be enabled to trade on by leaving their guarantees intact.

This will help to restore Lloyd's reputation and will avoid the growing impression that the settlement offer has been made on the basis that "the ends justify the means", however unjust. Yours faithfully.

A. J. WELFORD, Gothic Farm. Heveningham, Suffolk.

When neighbour was putting off the Ritz

From David Leibling, Sir, The Barclay brothers, owners of the Ritz Hotel, have offered to buy William Kent House, which stands off Piccadilly, behind the Ritz preport,

March 27). This is not the first time the Ritz has tried to buy this property. On the previous occa-

sion, the owners are reputed to have said: William Kent

House is not for sale. However, we would like to buy the Ritz as we have always fancied a view over Piccadilly." Yours faithfully. DAVID LEIBLING. 64 Kewlerry Road, might well think that the sale Northwood, Middlesex. itself is a steal and support this

Excluded from the terms of Railtrack deal view, as they are unable to From Mr Roy Albinson

Sir, Pennington suggests (March 27) that Labour policy might or might not be to pursue our goal of stealing the track back from the people who own it". The present shareholders

vote on the terms of the sale already approved in advance at any price by proxy of a minority of shareholders. Yours etc. ROY ALBINSON, Courtlands. Mayfield Lane,

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King's banker

expected to be charged

after collapse

As the mammoth inquiry into the

17 months, completed

an inquiry into the collapse of Banesto, bringing to an

end the most exhaustive

judicial and financial investi-

gation ever undertaken in Spain.

Within the next six weeks

charges are expected to be

brought against the bank's former chairman, Mario Conde, who was the King of

Spain's banker, and ten oth-

er former directors alleging

misappropriation of funds,

forgery and price rigging. Banesto failed in December

1993, prompting an interven-

tion by Spain's central bank. Señor Conde and his vice-

chairman, Arturo Romani, may also face charges of

fraud. If convicted the men

may face prison sentences

and demands for compensa-

tion totalling millions of

The public prosecutor will

decide what charges to bring

much com-

America's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is asking for conditions to be imposed upon the planned \$9.1 billion takeover of Loral, the systems group, by Lockheed Martin, the world's biggest defence company, according to American reports.

The FAA is said to be alarmed over the implications for the supply of air traffic control systems. It has reportedly asked the Federal Trade Commission to impose limits on the deal. Such limits could take the form of enforced disposals or undertakings about competition, A Lockheed spokesman acknowledged that concern over competition "is an issue". but said that the takeover is likely to completed, albeit with caveats, in a fortnight's time.

Devro agrees **\$26m sale**

Devro International, the UK sausage skin manufacturer, has agreed to sell Devro America, its North American collagen sausage casings business, to Japan's Nitta Gelatin for \$26 million.

Devro was required by the US Federal Trade Commission to sell the business after its acquisition of Teepak International Under the terms of the agreement, Devro BV, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Devro International, will receive \$24 million in cash un completion of the sale as well as a loan note of \$2 million. Proceeds of the sale will be used to reduce debt.

Italian drive

Pendragon, the auto dealer, has signed a deal with Italian car makers to beef up its sales of foreign cars. The company is to open 15 dealerships for Fiat and Alfa Romeo in the London area in the next two years. Pendragon hoped to take advantage of the growing popularity of Fiat cars, sales of which had grown 20 per cent last year in the UK. While Fiat has continued to increase sales in 1996, the overall UK car market is little changed, Pendragon said. The new franchises are not expected to contribute to profits until atter the initial two-v development period.

Eurocamp deal

Eurocamp, the specialist travel company, will buy the Tesh Travels companies in Germany, Switzerland and Austria for up to £9.65 million. The companies currently act as sole agents for Eurocamp. The UK company said the acquisitions would enhance earnings in the current year, helped by profits from the incremental sale of insurance and transport associated with Eurocamp holidays. The main investors and joint managing directors of Tesh are to retire.

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Sir Leon Brittan, right, is in a race against time to reassure Mickey Kantor of no EU backsliding on the liberalisation of telecoms networks

Brittan bids to clear the line

SIR LEON BRITTAN, the European Trade Commissioner, begins a delayed trip to the United States today, hoping to patch together the transatlantic alliance's stand on liberalising world telecommunications.
A global deal to open up

national networks is due to be completed by April 30 at the Geneva headquarters of the World Trade Organisation. But progress has been slow

BRITISH AEROSPACE is be-

lieved to be the leading bidder

for one of Australia's key

defence businesses, AWA De-

fence, in a deal which marks

the first step of a major expansion drive into

AWA Defence, which is

known for its range of electron-

ic warfare and software technology products, including its

Nulka hovering rocket, is being

and has not been not helped by a transatlantic tiff between Washington and Brussels over their respective propos-als, with each calling the

The highlight of Sir Leon's visit will be a meeting tomorrow with his old sparring partner, Mickey Kantor, the

sum believed to be upwards of A\$50 million (£25.9 million).

British Aerospace has made

no secret of its desire to

expand its presence in the Australian defence market.

Last year, BAe appointed Rob-

in Southwell in the new post of

group chief executive for Aus-

tralasia. Mr Southwell's task

Nulka hovering rocket, is being is to oversee a planned in-sold by its parent, AWA, for a crease in Australian turnover chaser with a good base from

An announcement is expected

early next week.

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

Trade sources said one of Sir Leon's objectives would be to persuade Mr Kantor that the EU would be willing to improve its offer, effectively removing all restrictions on foreign ownership when the plained that a decision two

from A\$100 million to more

than A\$1 billion. Mr Southwell said yester-

day: "We are one of a number

of interested parties seriously

interested in acquiring AWA

In the half-year to Decem-ber 31, AWA Defence made a

pre-tax profit of A\$1.8 million.

Australian analysts said that

the acquisition of AWA De-

weeks ago by European Union foreign ministers to reject a commission proposal to improve the offer now and instead hold out a vague promise of improvement later had been taken by Washington as backsliding. Sir Leon

which to do business in Australia. One said: "The new

coalition government will

probably spend more on de-

fence that the previous govern-ment did, and AWA Defence

British Aerospace is also tendering for a Federal gov-

emment contract to supply up

to 40 training fighter aircraft to the Royal Australian Air

Force in a deal which analysts

estimate to be worth up to A\$1

The group has already been

procurement

actively involved in many of

grammes, including the man-

ufacture of military vehicles

for the army, training simula-

tors for the navy and avionics

support for the air force. BAe

is also believed to have a

strong chance of securing the

It hopes eventually to use

Australia as a base from

which to expand into the fast-

growing Asia-Pacific region.

Mr Southwell said: "Australia

is right in the middle of the

fastest growing defence sector

Australia's defence exports

currently account for just

A\$70 million a year compared

to Britain's defence-linked ex-

ports of around E5 billion a

fighter aircraft deal.

defence

has some good products."

not use this as an excuse to drag its heels," one trade source said yesterday, "He will be pushing the angle of solidarity vis a vis the rest of the world."

"We have very little time left. But it is obvious that improvements are needed more from the rest of the world - particularly Asia than from either the United States or the European Union," the source added.

Key Australian defence business in BAe's sights

By Alasdair Murray

THIEVES who target the profitable computer market are facing a foggy future if a device being launched by a tiny security company next

week proves to be a hit.
Cloud Base is hoping to raise £300,000 on the Ofex market to help to fund the development of its Cloud

harmless, unlike many other security products using gas.
Cloud Base claims that the

system, which is devised for wharehouses and large offices, could help to cut the estimated £1 billion cost each year of computer thefts. The company has also teamed up with Sphere Drake, the insurance underwriter, to offer a 20 per cent discount on insurance premiums. Cloud Base predicts that profits for 1997-98

Computer thieves face hazy future

Burst alarm system.

The system aims to smoke out potential burglars by releasing pressurised glycol va-pour gas into the atmosphere after an intruder alarm is triggered. Cloud Base claims that, within 20 seconds, the smoke can fill a 22,000 cubic metre warehouse and cut visi-

The company says that thieves who trigger the alarm will face a choice between leaving the building or risk becoming disorientated until the police or security arrive. The product is completely

capitalisation.

pensation will be applied for after studying the summary and submissions by defence lawyers. Legal actions to be filed by

22 other enti-Banesto

ing Banesto itself, the Deposit Guarantee Fund, the two major

Spanish unions and shareholders.

Judge Manuel García Castellón has compiled a 77,000-page report. A total of 29! witnesses gave testimo-ny, including Adolfo Suárez a former prime minister. The most dramatic testimony was obtained by a rogatory commission, headed by the judge and the public prose-cutor, Florentino Orti, that interrogated two of Señor zerland. They gave details of how funds were milked from Banesto and implicated Senor Conde's defence lawyer. Mariano Gómez de Liaño, who had to step down and

may face charges himself. When the central bank intervened on the Spanish equivalent of All Fool's Day

failure of Banesto ends, Edward Owen reports from Madrid in December 1993, Banesto had debts of 605,000 million national court judge in Madrid has, after pesetas (about £3 billion). The investigating judge, who was aided by state bank inspectors, says that about 30,000 million pesetas were illegally removed from the

bank's accounts.

The largest amount, 7,944 million pesetas, was found in the accounts of a company called Euman-Valyser that was owned by Señor Conde. The judge says that the modus operandi of Senor Conde and others was to buy a company from Banesto, inflate the price and re-sell it. In other cases, such as payments from Carburos Metallicos, the money due to Banesto was said to be funnelled into private accounts. They are also accused of receiving cused of receiving commissions from the di-

Señor Conde's lawyers are submitting a defence that

rectors of companies sold to

had been "set up" for political reasons. The former chairman of Banesto, famed for his slicked back hair and jetset lifestyle, entertaining King Juan Carlos on his yacht, allegedly tried to blackmail the

socialist Gov-

ernment and

Conde: jetset lifestyle

Banesto, have the investigation switched to another judge. But El Mundo, the sensationalist tabloid that supports the conservative Popular Party (elected a month ago and expected to form a government at the end of this month) suddenly stopped printing stories is-sued by Senor Conde's propaganda machine a few weeks before the elections.

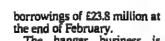
Señor Conde is on 2,000 vice-chairman, Señor Rom-ani, is on 1,000 million pesetas bail. The other men are: Ricardo Gómez Acebo, Enrique Lasarte, Juan Belloso, Rafael Perez Escolar. César de la Mora, Vicente Figaredo, Ramiro Nuñez. Fernando Garro, Eugenio Martinez Jiménez

Ferguson sells units for £39m

FERGUSON International Holdings is to concentrate on its labels business after agreeing to sell its clothes hangers and electronic components divisions in separate deals

worth up to £39 million. The company, which two months ago gave warning of trading difficulties, is also proposing to pay £5.25 million to buy Label Image Holdings.

a Gwent label manufacturer.
The City liked the deals.
Shares in Ferguson added 18p to close the day at 210p. With cash proceeds expected to be about £29.3 million, Ferguson will be able to clear net group



The hanger business is being bought by Mauna of Holland for an initial £12 million. Mauna is also taking on E6.3 million of debt.

Ferguson is receiving £19.3 million for TVC, a business that supplies components to the cable television industry, which has been sold to HTVC

Denis Cassidy, Ferguson's chairman, said TVC the business was was retained because of its good results: it made £2.5 million in the year to February 1995.



Cassidy: TVC good results

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London hopes to use US blueprint for urban renewal

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

THE Corporation of London has launched a study into private sector participation in urban renewal in New York and other US cities in the hope that its results may trigger a revolution in UK inner city funding in the face of local government spending cuts.

The study, which is sponsored by the corporation but carried out by the London School of Economics, is investigating schemes such as the Business Improvement Districts (Bids), which have transformed key areas of Manhattan, Chicago. Boston and other major US cities.

The Bids and related schemes are designed to enable private business to take over certain responsibilities and raise money to fund them in specific city areas.

The idea has been taken furthest in New York, where local businesses have raised millions of dollars to improve their district through better street lighting, cleaner streets, better care for the homeless and other "environmental"

Bernard Hartly, chief executive of the Corporation of London, said: "We started out by looking at ways in which infrastructure projects

such as railways could be financed by the private sector course of this we came across the US example of Bids which solved much of the problem of cuts in current expenditure by local government. Although the City of London

probably does not need such a scheme, Bids could become common in large areas of London and other major cities. Most schemes work on the basis of a levy on every business within a designated area. A scheme may also be given the power to raise money by issuing bonds, such as the \$32 million raised by the Grand Central Partnership centred on the area around

New York's Grand Central Station. Despite the extra cost, local businessmen say the scheme has stopped the exodus of businesses leaving the area because of the previous poor conditions.

The Corporation of London has already presented other ideas for private sector involvement in local govern-ment funding, including the Infrastructure Levy, which it proposed as a way for local businesses to raise money to undertake key projects abandoned by local government.

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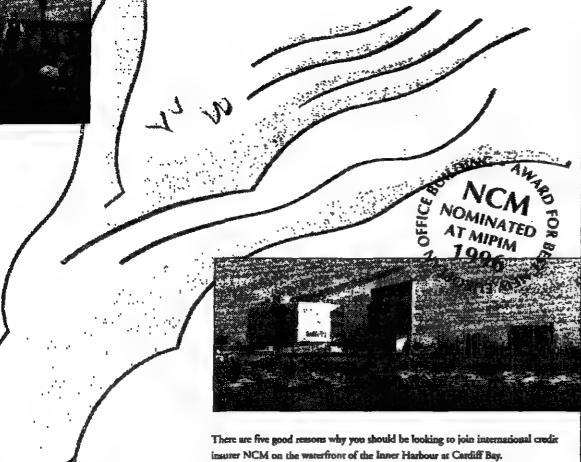


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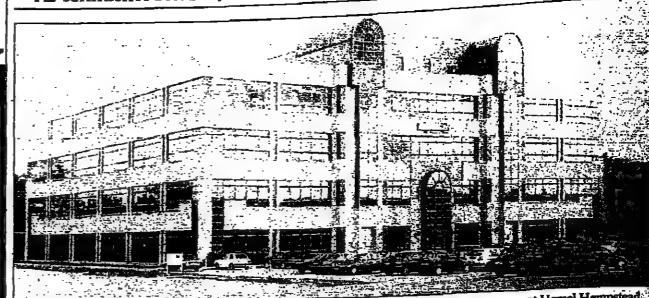
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As confidence returns, David Crawford sees a rise in office relocation.



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any time since the space during the next two years — to the tune of 4.5 million sq ft in the South East alone. Decentralisation of jobs from central London is also about to rise from a 1995 low of 2.800 to 8,500, significantly more than the 20-year-plus

annual average of 6,400. But the benefits will not be spread as widely as in the past. Most private-sector moves from London, for example, will be short-haul - a point underlined by new research from the Commission for the New Towns and the CBI Employee Research Council, showing that organisations now prefer to stay close to their own locations - although the public sector tends to concentrate on the North West.

Yorkshire and the South West. Most future moves will be eccompanied by substantial reductions of existing floorspace, largely low specification, rather than representing net additions. Net South East regional vacations over the period 1996-98 are expected to

total six million sq ft.

The Ministry of Defence relocation to Bristol, for example, could release two million sq ft of office space - 10 per cent of Whitehall's entire central London portfolio. The Government will, of course, continue to require a presence within range of Parliament. but, says Peter Evans of DTZ extent that it has in the past". Significant take-up of sec-

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Is Britain back in business?

ond-hand office space coming on to the market will be restricted to highly active areas such as the City of London. This arises from the shortage of new prime space in the financial core. A wave of expansions and new inward investments by companies such as ABN Amro, Chase Chemical, and Deutsche Bank Morgan Grenfell has boosted the City's confidence ahead of would-be competitors such as

Paris and Frankfurt. At the same time, loosening of traditional City ties are evident in the large Docklands commitments made by Bar-clays de Zoete Wedd and Morgan Stanley, and by Banque Paribas's purchase of a site for a new 350,000 sq ft

headquarters in Marylebone. Nearly two thirds of predicted relocation activity. in fact, reflects fundamental changes in the business environment rather than concern solely over operating costs, as in the past. "Mergers, acquisitions" and ongoing cost pressures are fuelling continued rationawith more energetic manage-

al portfolios," says Chris Jolliffe, research partner at Jones Lang Wootton, whose recently published Property Confidence Review reflects the opinions of 554 UK-based

His views are echoed in the Milliken Report on Space Futures, published last month by the Henley Centre on behalf of the US-owned Milliken Carpet. More than a quarter of facilities managers in organisations with more than 2,000 staff expected their space requirements to fall over the next five years because of new technology and changing

business needs. This new trend affects a whole range of traditionally major consumers of office floorspace, including financial services, conglomerates,

chemicals and electronics. Rationalisaton of office occupancy by a relatively small number of electronics companies has already led to the shedding of 1.6 million so ft over the past six months, more than half of total negative net demand. Continuing reorganisation within this sector, notatained downsizing, will also account for half the 10.5 million sq ft of space that respondents to the Property Confidence Review expect to

vacate in the next two years. Under BT's long-running relocation programme, for example, 1,400 jobs are due to move, mainly from the West. End of London, to Stockley Park near Heathrow, BT's mooted merger with Cable & Wireless may well bring more rationalisation.

But contrasting evidence of real expansion in this sector comes from the "planning forgrowth" programme being progressed by the £1.3 billionturnover 3Com Corporation, which is implementing its largest-ever infrastructural investment in Europe.

pread over four sites in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, and the Marlow and Bourne End area of Buckinghamshire, 3Com is now consolidating on one site in Hemel Hempstead, with the £10.3 million purchase of an 85,000 sq ft building on the McDonnell Information Systems campus.

The company is also increasing its leased space at Bourne End before relocating that part of the business next year in the M4/M40 corridors... To keep 3Com's options open, the consultants Jones Lang Wootton advised taking

initial short-term leases. Chris Kane, a JLW partner, says: This has enabled 3Com to cater for expansion without the worry of disposing of long-

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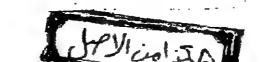




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only as important in itself but nother factor is the North East's growing reputation as a leading manufactur-ing centre in the automotive industry. Simula's first products from the Ashington facfory will be going into the 1997 range of BMWs, but the company says it is also hoping to supply to Nissan.

Wansbeck has attracted many overseas companies. Synpac, the pharmaceutical company, part of the Taiwan-ese Koos Group, recently an-nounced a £7 million invest-ment in new plant and tech-nology at its Wansbeck factory to help to maintain its position as a leading worldwide manufacturer of Penicillin G. Lite-On, a Taiwanese company making electronic equipment, has also taken over an existing

business in Wansbeck. Other companies, such as Alcan, which has a local smelter and power station, and Welwyn Components, an elec-tronics group, are.— like Synpac, members of the Wansbeck Initiative, a partnership between the private and public sectors working to build a

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□ SKANDIA Property (UK) Ltd, with Scotlish Life Assurance Company, has secured the largest open let-ting in Cardiff for many years. Knox Court, its 59,900 sq ft development in the





has been fully let to the Legal & General Insurance

The consultant Chesterton says the letting is be-lieved to be on a fixed 15year term with five-yearly. upward-only, rent reviews,

and the quoting rent is £16.50 a sq ft. Completed in February, Knox Court has full air-conditioning and raised floors. Its situation, near Cardiff shopping centre and in the heart of the commercial district, qua-lifies it for regional selective

assistance grants. Robin Wills of Skandia says: "There is a high demand for city centre offices within regional centres as decentralisation increases."

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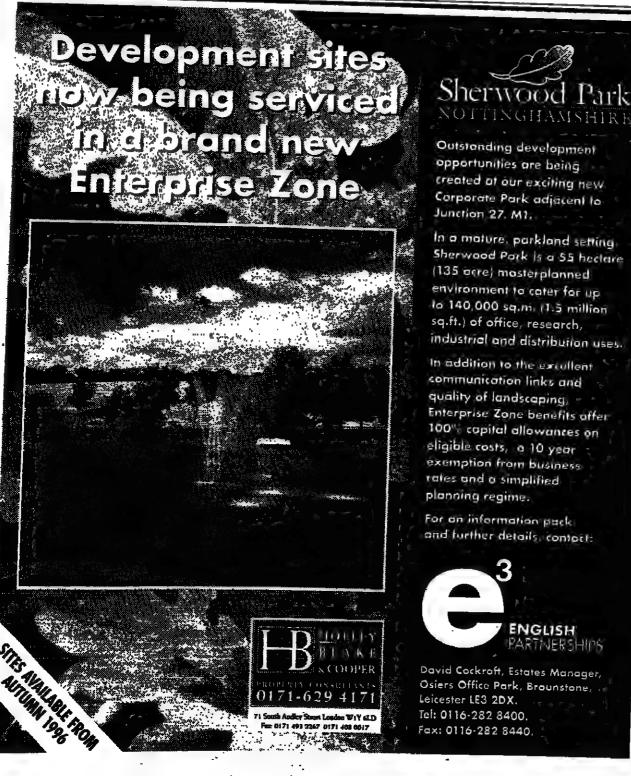
Denis Murphy, the leader of Wansbeck council, says: "It is

more investment to the area.

□ NATWEST Group Property has begun demolition work on its development at I St James's Square, London SWI - the start of what some sees as one of the most important office developments in the West End for more than a decade.

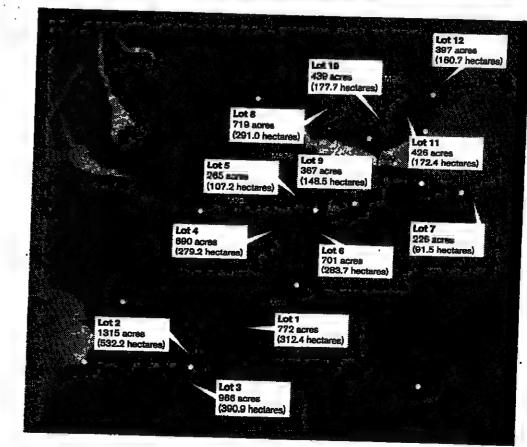
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■ MUSIC 1

Harrison Birtwistle writes music that's loud, shocking and rude. But the world is wrong to censure him for it



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■ MUSIC 4

The Norwegian Opera has a fine new Ring cycle in its repertory, and it's headed for Britain

On the eve of a major celebration of Harrison Birtwistle, Paul Griffiths defends a great controversialist

Roots in the past, a mind on today

ince last year's Last Night of the Proms, when his Panic lashed out for the first time, all the world knows that Harrison Birtwisile is the composer of music that is loud, shocking and rude. And all the world is right — but it is wrong to censure him for it.

Loudness can be exhilarating or challenging, shocks can open doors in the mind that one did not realise were standing there waiting to be unlocked, and rudeness, honest rudeness, may at least be telling us the truth. We hear an unaccustomed noise, and instinctively we run for cover. But we might gain more if we would stay out there a while, and listen, and grow to learn. even grow to love.

We have the chance. On Friday night the South Bank Centre will be giving British concertgoers a longawaited opportunity to hear and see again Birtwistle's biggest work so far. The Mask of Orpheus, for the first time since it was staged by English National Opera in 1986.

On that occasion I wrote in The Times that the world was changed, and so it was. I cannot imagine the last decade without the opportunity, every now and then, to remember that evening in the Coliseum. and to try to take on board all it was saying about the slipperiness of stories, about - despite that slipperiness, and maybe even thanks to it — the hold over us possessed by myths, about the power of music to summon gods, about the multiple timetracks on which we all pursue our lives.

This time around, Orpheus is only a beginning. Across the next three weeks will come a series of concerts, Secret Theatres, to bring us some of the works that led up to the opera, and some of those that. have followed it, including the extravagantly inventive plano concerto Antiphonies, as well as a longstanding champions the London Sinfonietta, and a whole programme of songs to words by

Paul Celan punctuated by brief movements for string quartet.

One of the marks of Birtwistle's mastery - a mastery which Secret Theatres celebrates - is that any attempt to define his music is bound to fail. I mentioned at the start its loudness, and indeed it does enjoy what recourse it can get to the tonage of a big brass section in full voice, or the energetic noise of xylophones or drums, or the shrick of high woodwind. But then a lot of Birtwistle is quiet, and certainly his most haunting music

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comes in long melodic lines that will often be found stepping in the background of his musical landscape, gently and almost secretly, humming to themselves.

So this is music that can be stealthy as well as shocking - and even the shock may be that of finding something one knew al-ready, but did not have the music for: the pitiless violence of nature (most definitely including the violence inherent in the nature of the human animal), the touching efforts people make to dress themselves against that violence, the depth of time, the sanctity of occasion. And if the effect can be rude, uncompromising, then Birtwistle has also written some of

the most seductive love music of the most disconsolate laments. Another contradiction is that

Birtwistle should be seen as repre-

senting the far left of music when he stands so solidly with its great traditions. The disciplined savagery of his work is an inheritance from Varèse; the ceremonial forms provide a link with Messiaen; and he learnt from Stravinsky that a bunch of instrumentalists, whether a small group or a full orchestra, could become the dramatis personae in abstract plays of solo stance, group identity and crowd dissent, so that every piece of music is also a

piece of theatre.

But Birtwistle's traditionalism has roots further back, I remember him saying — not with foolish pride, but with seriousness and dedication — that when he wrote for the orchestra he took his standard from Beethoven. This dues not mean, of course, that his music apes Beethoven's style, or that it should do so. What was most traditional about Beethoven was his determination to create something different, of his own, out of himself. So it is with Birtwistle. And Birtwistle also seems to share something that is even rarer today, which is a belief in the Beethovenian paradox that music must be fiercely individual if it is to reach everyone, and that it must reflect today if it is to be of interest tomorrow.

Birtwistle has reflected and reflected on many different todays: the studiousness of the Fiftles, the extroversion and scepticism of the Sixties, the retrenchment of the Seventies, the materialism of the Eighties, and now the wild mix of retrogression and hope that marks the ending of the millennium. And all the time he has stayed true to himself, and true to a certainty that music could be new and as the same time immernorially old — as old as regret, elation, cruelty and prayer.

Birtwistle Recrospective starts on Friday at the Festival Hall (0171-960 4242) with The Mask of Orpheus, and continues until May 4



Carol Yahr as Brünnhilde in Götterdämmerung her performance is a tour de force

Fresh Nordic insights

Before 1993, Wagner's Rheingold, Siegfried and Götterdämmerung had never been staged in Norway. Over the past three years, therefore, the Norwegian Opera has been building up its first Ring, under the baton of the former East German conductor Heinz Fricke and produced by the British director Mike Ashman, but with largely native singers making their debuts in the roles.

The project is now complete, with a Götterdāmmerung that has just opened; two cycles will be given in Oslo and British audiences will be able to see the entire Ring cycle at Norwich's Theatre Royal in June 1997.

The strength and great joy of this production is that musical and theatrical elements work not only effectively in their own terms but also in combination with each other. The production teems with fresh insights.

It opens with a striking image: the three Norns, locked vi in embrace, against a bare, brooding Nordic landscape. At the end of the following scene, as Brünnhilde bids farewell to Siegfried, she raises a statuesque arm and the stage revolves - an exciting moment with the orchestra in full flood. For Siegfried's Rhine journey, a curtain de-

Norwegian Opera has its first full Ring cycle, and it's headed our way

scends with a conventionally

painted Rhineland scene. If at this point the traditionalists breathe a sigh of relief, they are in for a shock. The Gibichung Hall is a vaguely futuristic vision. Hagen monitors Siegfried's progress while seated at a control desk, and bellows his repeated "Hothot" as through a public address system. The austerity of the sci-fi decor is complemented

by a pair of bright red arm-

chairs, the "thrones" of Gunther and Gutrune. Terje Stensvold's Gunther is a towering performance; he is wisely portrayed not as the usual ineffectual pawn of Hagen, but as an unscrupulous character who knows what he wants. He comes dangerously close to eclipsing Gudjon Oskarsson's Hagen vocally, but this is a fine performance in a different mould. Unlike the lumbering Hagen of tradition, Oskarsson is a prowier.

Hyperactive, obsessive, a chill-

ing portrait of the misfit who turns out to be a killer.

Kiersti Ekeberg is a very acceptable Gutrune. The Siegfried of the American James O'Neal tends towards the lyrical rather than the heroic, but it is capable of good things. Kathrine Hysing's sets and

costumes for the second and third acts continue the ambivalence (and hence the universality) of the first. Minimalist in conception (a simple portal in Act II, a slab of rock in Act III), the sets are animated by John Bishop's virtuoso lighting plot, telling in its casting of facial shadow, spectacular in creating a portentously bloodred sky or, for that matter, a final conflagration.

Rosemarie Lang's Wal-traute and Oskar Hillebrandr's Alberich are excellent, Carol Yahr's Brünnhilde a triumph. Originally a mezzo. Yahr just occasionally gives cause for concern at the top, but the passion with which she invests the vocal line makes it

à tour de force. Fricke's conducting is outstanding. He knows exactly how to keep things on the move. This is Wagner conducting on a par with anything that can be heard in the world today.

BARRY MILLINGTON

The best of intentions

s the Salzburg Summer Festival becomes ever more controversial, giving rise to a suspicion that directorial egos than of art, the Easter Festival is now a model of serious artistic intentions, if not always of great accomplishments.

Everyone you meet in Salzburg is eager to tell you that Karajan still casts a long shadow here. Yet by any fair measure, in the three years since he was named artistic director. Claudio Abbado has made changes that have fun-damentally altered the festival, putting his stamp indelibly on the ten-day event.

He instituted an avantgarde chamber music festival called Kontrapunkte, which awards a prize for composition; this year's laureate was the young Italian composer Marco Stroppa. The prize was presented to Stroppa by jury chainman Luciano Berio at a recital in the Mozarteum, which was led by the 21-yearold English conductor named Daniel Harding, formerly an assistant to Sir Simon Rattle in Birmingham. The Easter Festival has also established prizes in literature and art; this year, the honorees were the novelist Didier van Cauwelaert and the British

sculptor Rachel Whiteread. in order to open up the performances to an audience beyond the ermine and Louis-Vuitton set (top ticket prices here are now well over £300), Abbado has instituted a cheap pass that admits the holder to all rehearsals for the evening concerts, which are always sold out.

While this year's Easter Festival did offer some fine performances, generally artis-tic reach exceeded grasp. The first night, as ever, was a new opera production. Abbado invited the Italian film-maker Ermanno Olmi to produce Otello, with Placido Domingo, inevitably, in the name part. The production was marred by a mountainous unitary set by Lucio Fanti, a dreary heap of stone slabs scattered helter-skelter, which was more suggestive of a dilapidated Druid temple than the regal splendour of the Lion

Jamie James reflects on the brilliant highlights and ambitious disappointments that marked this

year's Salzburg Easter Festival

of Venice. Olmi's staging was strangely inert, perhaps drained of vitality by the awkward set. Yet these were the finest musical moments of the festi-

val. Abbado elicited a perfor-

mance of mighty intensity and bold proportions from the Berliners, who were powerfully assisted by the choruses of the Vienna State Opera and the Slovak Philharmonic Chorus of Bratislava. The playing indeed proved to be a bit too magnificent for Domingo, who had difficulty making himself heard over the orchestra at several points. By the finale of the second act, he looked and sounded quite drained, but he came back creditably after the interval. Ruggero Raimondi was superb in his debut in the part of lago, communicating the full measure of evil in Verdi and Boito's fabulous creation; at

the conclusion of the Credo he

seemed almost to astonish

himself at the blackness of his soul. Barbara Frittoli was a real discovery as Desdemona. At first her full, rich voice seemed perhaps a hit too meaty for this role, but by the end of the love duet, it seemed

just meany enough. She was

utterly captivating in the fina-

le, executing the plantssimi of

the Willow Song with impres sive control. If Abbado's Verdi gained steely strength from a dose of Germanic rigour, his performance of Bruckner's Symphony No 7 might have benefited from a mollifying southern touch. It was unquestionably a virtuosic performance by the orchestra, but in some key passages Abbado seemed to be exaggerating the score's extremes, setting one section of the orchestra against another as though it were a competition rather than a group effort. He was outshone, Bruckner-

wise, by Bernard Haitink,

who had conducted a tasteful.

mance of the Fourth Symphomy the evening before. This being Salzburg, both of

the Bruckner symphonies were paired with concertos that Mozart wrote here, the Fourth with Piano Concerto No 9 in E flat major (KV271), played with his wonted suavily by Murray Perahia, and the Seventh with the Sinfonia Concertante (KV364), with Berlin concertmaster Rainer Kussmaul and first violinist Wolfram Christ taking the solo parts.

The cycle ended with a banging whimper, a clamorous and somewhat hectic performance of Beethoven's Symphony No 9. The strings were particularly disappoint-ing, hazy and unfocused in the first movement, and less than ideally assertive in their responses to the brass in the third movement. The intro-duction of the "Freude" theme by the lower strings in the finale seemed rushed and

perfunctory.

Bryn Terfel brought some relief with his virile, pleasingly stentorian introduction of the Ode, but it was too late: the finale careered to its conclusion at a breathless pace, and none too expressively.

CONCERT

Fast, furious and forte

EVER since the film Amadeus, Mozart's Requiem has pulled in the crowds, and Sunday night's performance at the Barbican by The Sixteen and the City of London Sinfonia under Harry Christophers was no exception; the hall was filled to capacity. It was an all-Mozart evening, with another favourite, the Exultate, Jubilate, and the Vesperae Solennes de Confessore (including the much-loved Laudate Dominum) in the first half of the programme.

It was a big occasion, then for the soprano soloist, who also has some of the best moments in the Requiem. Lynda Russell would not have been my first choice for Mozart: she negotiated Exultate. Jubilate with moderate success, but her voice lacks the

> The Sixteen/ Christophers Barbican

range, especially in the lower register, and, it must be said, the quality to be able to bring off a truly special perfor-mance. Towards the end of the evening especially, she tended to sing everything forte - but in this she was not alone.

The other soloists, Catherine Wyn-Rogers (now there's a voice with quality), Mark Padmore and Michael George, were of a different calibre, so it was a shame they had so much less to do. The real stars were, of

course, The Sixteen, here expanded to some 26 singers and including the best freelance professionals that London has to offer. Clarity and precision are the hallmarks of The Sixteen no less in Mozart than in Renaissance polyphony: it is just still more of a treat in Mozart. They gave it their all, whether in the whirlwind psalm settings of the Vespers (plenty here to presage the Requiem) or that melting moment in the "Confutatis" where the sopranos enter on "Voca me". Éven that could have been quieter, but by then the City of London Sinfonia and Harry Christophers had the bit between the teeth and were careering towards the

finishing post. Christophers's approach was generally fast and furious, and this generated much excitement, especially in movements which lend themselves perfectly to the hell-forleather treatment such as the "Rex tremendae". Others, such as the Offertorium, seemed too precipitate, with Mozart's string writing tram-

pled in the headlong rush. The City of London Sinfonia, with concessions to historical awareness (though not as many as advertised) played like the excellent modern orchestra they are, with Christophers apparently making little stylistic impression. That is, if he wanted to, for in those passages that demanded a slower pace, the interpretation was decidedly Romantic, In any case, he was unable to bring the same light and shade to the orchestral playing as to the singing of his superb

Tess Knighton



■ CHOICE 1

A new revue celebrates the life and songs of Doris Day

VENUE: From tonight at the King's Head, London



CHOICE 2

Les Grands Ballets Canadiens starts its British tour in Birmingham

VENUE: Tonight at the Repertory Theatre

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■ CHOICE 3

A Leeds opening for a new show about the comedian Hylda Baker

VENUE: Tonight at the West Yorkshire Playhouse



JAZZ

The legendary bass player Ray Brown takes time out from his crowded European tour to come to Britain

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THE RELAPSE. Opening night for Victor Spineth as the Ireful Lord Vicior Spinetti as the freetu Lord Foppington in tan Judge's production from last year's Stratford, where it sweetened Vanlorugh's dark harstmass Pit, Barbican, Sak Street, EC2 (0171-538 8891) Tonight, 7pm Then in rep-with The Devil is an Ass.

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Britain for a single appearance this Sunday along during playback in the studio. The restlessness grows when he is killing time, and it suddenly dispels ot many bass players in jazz have also been successful

bandleaders. With the colourful exception of the late Charles Mingus, most of those who tried leading are largely forgotten. apart from Ray Brown, the most distinguished and respected bassist in jazz today. The pioneer of modern jazz bass with Dizzy Gillespie in the late 1940s, briefly married to 6 The

Ella Fitzgerald, and then for 15 years the anchor of Oscar Peterson's original trio, Brown has been leading his own groups since the 1960s.

Brown is in Britain for a single appearance at the Cheltenham Festival with his trio on Sunday. His current European tour schedule

(celebrating his forthcoming 70th birthday in October) reads like an airline timetable, with gigs in Barcelona jostling with those in Oslo and Vienna. Despite this hectic touring schedule, and although he has worked as a freelance on more recording sessions than almost any other bassist. Brown has led comparatively few of his own groups on recording dates. Recently he was in New York to record his next album as leader, the second of a series which started last year.

Any suggestion that Brown leads a jazz piano trio is firmly rebuffed within a few minutes of conversation in a room dominated by his bass, and its huge white coffin of a flight case. What he leads, he maintains, is a bass trio, and in all his work he sees himself as an advocate for the instrument.

Although he is a big man who exudes an impression of youthfulness that belies his 69 years, Brown fidgets as he talks, his feet moving in conversation as if they were tapping

when he gets behind his bass, accompanied by a spontaneous grin as he

starts to play. Jazz records may never be the big business of rock or classical music, but there is definitely a feeling among the major US labels that it is profitable at

present. With Verve. Blue Note and Columbia all actively recording, this ought to be good news for jazz. But the majors tend to concentrate on a small but marketable group of "guests", whose appearances on one another's albums look more like inbreeding than crossfertilisation.

Brown instinctively dislikes this concept of having guests appear on one or two tracks to strengthen the saleability of an album, and so his present series of albums is designed to go one better than that, turning the idea on its head to create anthologies that feature a guest on every track, each volume focusing on a major solo instrument. He started by varying the piano chair in his trio with Some of My Best Friends are ... The Piano Players (Telarc 83373).

By mixing seasoned old-timers such as Ahmad Jamal and Oscar Peterson with new blood such as Benny Green, Dado Moroni and Geoff Keezer. Brown has combined saleable names of the past 40 years with the better members of jazz's new floating repertory company. "I first came up with the idea five or six years ago," says Brown, but the company sat on it for a couple of years and all of a sudden decided they liked it. I didn't particularly care which instrument we started with, but my idea is to do all the instruments.



"I don't like telling people of this ilk what they should play. The planists on the first album are all accomplished musicians, and so are the saxophonists such as Joe Lovano, Benny Carter and Stanley Turrentine, who'll appear on the new album. I can't have them come in and say to them 'Play this!' - that's tacky. So we sit down, talk about it. think about songs and usually end up saying 'Hey! what about this one!"

doesn't take many bass solos, but just as he is a constant, compelling presence on his last album, his personality shapes the music for the new one firmly and coherently. Despite comparative mayhem in the studio, the first results suggest he has achieved the fine balance between the commercial pressure to sell albums and the improvisatory freedom that jazz is all about. Ray Brown is at the Cheltenham Festival

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As the sessions move along, Brown (01242 227 979) on Sunday

ames Moir is in his second week as Controller of Radio 2, at present the hottest seat in BBC Radio apart from the one awaiting Liz Forgan's successor. The network is looking for a new audience, or rather an additional audience, to compensate for ratings falls of nearly two

million in three years. Radio 2 has already gone through one shake-up, which has given it more focus. On present evidence. Moir appears to be hunting listeners along the dial, notably in the area deserted by those in the 40-plus age group who fled Radio I when Matthew Bannister came in to reposition that network.

Some critics already have

RADIO: New life stirs at Radio 2, says Peter Barnard

Looking for listeners

lar Moir, who was the BBC's head of light entertainment. My own knife is still in its sheath. Moir's stamp will be on Radio 2 in six months; to pass judgment after eight days would be absurd.

The surest sign of Moir's approach is the arrival of Steve Wright, the former Radio 1 presenter who fled to Talk Radio UK, thus proving that we all make mistakes. Wright now has a three-hour Saturday morning slot on Radio 2.

He deserves it. Wright's Wright tackle subjects beyond footwork is among the surest and fastest in all radio, ensuring that interviewees do not get the standard easy ride. He listens to what people say, a rare attribute in a medium where presenters are often fonder of their own voices than those of others.

Wright could well become the successor to Jimmy Young (now neither will speak to me againt. Young's own show has been cut by 30 minutes, and I would certainly like to see the usual showbiz puffery. There are those who say that Moir is encouraging too much of a bimedia approach, but radio and television have al-

ways lived off each other and Radio 2 is very much a personality network: the fact that a radio interview is linked to a television event does not of itself justify disparagement. Elsewhere this week, Between Heaven and Hell

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David Hart delves deep inside the tormented mind of Gladstone, in his new play Victoriana

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THEATRE: Matt Wolf meets Martin Sherman, the American playwright more appreciated in Britain; plus reviews

Give no regards to Broadway

his looks like being Martin Sherman's year, despite not having written a new play for seven years. The American dramatist's new work, Some Sunny Day, opens tomorrow, boasting the sort of starry cast Rupert Everett, Cheryl Campbell, Corin Redgrave) that sounds destined to enliven the West End.

And that's not all - shooting is completed on his first original film Acript - Indian Summer, starring Antony Sher and directed by Nancy Meckler - and next month sees the start of production on a film of his best-known play. Bent. In addition. Sherman is working on scripts for both Mike Newell and for Nicholas Hymer: the latter project is an adaptation of The Dybbuk, transplanted to Atlantic City in the 1950s.

The demand is due in some measure to the success of his first film, The Clothes In the Wardrobe, based on Alice Thomas Ellis's novel, which was a Bafta nominee and had an acclaimed cinema run in America in 1994 under the title The Summer House.

"I've never even approached being this busy," Sherman says, marvelling at the shift in profile from his early years spent knocking around off-Broadway where, as he recalls, "I basically couldn't get arrested." Born in New Jersey and educated at Boston University, in the 1970s he became part of the same emerging New York genera-tion as Lanford Wilson and Terrence McNally. But whereas those playwrights went on to win Pulitzers and Tony Awards, Sherman

began noticing one salient fact: the best productions of his work were being done in England.

"I cither wasn't produced, or I was produced badly," he says, looking back on those years less with bitterness than wry humour. His freewheeling dissection of 1960s mores, Cracks, had audiences "falling from trees saying it's

6 The belief in America is that playwrights have to be led. coddled and corrected ?

a hit" during a 1975 summer workshop at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Centre in Connecticut. where its cast included Meryl Streep and Christopher Lloyd, The following winter, presented off-Broadway with different actors, it was mangled. The play got the worst reviews maybe ever in the history of the New York theatre, and they were deserved," Sherman says. "By opening night, no one

It took 18 years for the laughs to resurface, this time at the King's Head in north London. "The play was finally redeemed," Sherman says of director Tim Luscombe's production. "That gave me so much personal satisfaction."

Sherman's career is full of comparable stories. "Everyone, I think, thought Bent was a fluke," Sherman says of his only play to reach Broadway, in 1980. The production, saurring Richard Gere, brought its author a Torry nomination.

Several years after that production closed, Sherman was dropped by his New York agents, Indeed, it seems significant that it has taken the influence of his close friend Wendy Wasserstein, herself a highly commercial New York playwright, to get an off-Broadway showing next year of Sherman's 1989 West End play, A Madhouse In Goa, which starred Vanessa Redgrave in its London run.

Sherman has his own theories about his greater acceptance in London. "My plays do seem to he about outsiders, so perhaps I was always an outsider to whatever was happening in New York." He finds Lundon a simpler place

in which to live and work. "It's much easier if you're not English than if you are; you don't have to deal with class and judgments and categories all the time. People respond to me only as an American, and whatever their prejudices, hates, or likes about an American author are, they are nothing compared to the judgments they make about their own race."

He has higher regard, too, for a playwriting environment free of the countless workshops upon which the American theatre depends. The belief over there is that playwrights are cripples who don't



Martin Sherman has had only one hit back home, but several in Britain. Will Some Sunny Day. which opens this week, be the next?

really know what they're doing and have to be led, coddled and constantly corrected." As proof, he cites initial reaction to the startling second act of Bent, in which two gay men incarcerated at Dachau are given the lethal task of shifting rocks from one pile to another and pause only to achieve orgasm by verbal means. "All the advice I was

getting was, You can't have two

men moving rocks for an hour', as

if I was being punished for not being the duriful child.

What the American mainstream will make of Some Sunny Day is anyone's guess. Set during a steamy Egyptian summer in 1942, the play focuses on a community of foreigners in Cairo, few of whom are what they appear at first to be. Coupling a cockeyed nod to Hamlet with elements of cloak and

play has Sherman's usual ripeness alongside "a collection of people so disparate and so eccentric that they would obviously appeal to me. Several of the characters could have stepped out of the charged bohemian world of When She Danced, Sherman's play about Isadora Duncan that has received two separate stagings in London (and one calamitous one off-

Queen about Gladstone's noc-

turnal wanderings, and if so

what effect did it have on the

To ask Disraeli this ques-

tion Hart brings on Mr

Punch, a thoroughly nasty

piece of work, in red and

yellow moticy, who eventually

points to his hooked nose, his

own nose, that is, and says

words to the effect of: "You can

tell me, Ben. I'm a Jew as

Liberal administrations?

And if things are looking up for the playwright, that only confirms what he was told by an astrologer some 30 years ago in New York. He said my life was going to be miserable for a long time, and then it was going to improve radically. I was very depressed at the time but it has all been true."

● Some Sunny Day opens at the Hampstead Theatre (0171-722 9301)

Celia Roberston (left) and Adrienne Swan as a pair of "fallen women" in Victoriana, David Hart's play about William Gladstone's involvement with ladies of the street

A Prime Minister walks in the dark

Pirst, a personal confes- compared with what happens stone, deciding that his long involvement with ladies of the street - bent on rescuing them, of course - had the stuff of evident drama to it.

He would bring one of them back to No 10 and take off her shawl, only to discover that she was a young man in disguise, an irishman to boot, who would proceed to harangue the Grand Old Man on the Irish Question and convert him to the cause.

I decided the idea was perhaps a little too fanciful, but it was anchored in reality

THIS latest invitation to enter

the divine madness of the Ken

Campbell mind is described

as a retrospective look at the

best of past Campbells, Jeremy

Kingston writes. The implica-

tion — and it is in the title too
— is that he will dart along the

supermarket aisle of his mem-

ory, a sort of Unsafeways,

throwing us a tin of Pigspurt,

a bag of Jamais Vu, a taste of

Furtive Nudist, a packet of Mystery Bruises, and we will

There are gaps in my collec-tion of Campbell shows and,

this being so, I can't be positive that all the serpentine

tales he unwinds upon us are

old ones. In truth, he refers to

what he has been doing re-cently, interviewing philoso-

phers for television, visiting

some underground temple in

the Alps, and this would

the minute stuff.

suggest we are hearing up-to-

But Campbell, he of the

shining cranium and eyebrow

wigs, is nothing if not artful in

the way he links his tales. The

split our sides together.

sion. I once had an idea to Gladstone in David Hart's play about Glad- play, even before Disrael arranges to meet him in St George's Church - a metaphor for England. I suspect and appears there wearing only a loin-cloth, hanging from the Cross, to deliver a speech on the Jewish Oues-

We are more or less inside Gladstone's mind by this point. Where once he voted for Emancipation, years of sitting opposite Ben Disraeli has turned him into a rabid anti-Semite. He spews out racial batted, in the time he has to spare after allowing

Trolley

Choice Chunks

different wrapper. Nobody who has heard him talk of the Ken Dodd routines turned into pidgin by an actor travelling through Melanesia will be sorry to listen to it all again. Nor the revelation that somewhere out in the New

Victoriana New End

pretty ladies - not all from the streets - to unbutton the front flap of his trousers and do what is necessary. I don't know about you, but

from what I remember of Gladstone's tormented sexual anxieties this openness does not strike me as likely, particularly as we are not inside his mind in these scenes but in society drawing rooms and boudoirs. His proto-Nazi rav-

The political play is there-upon taken over by the Jewish ings are even less persuasive. The interesting notion that play, and not all the golden

at first seemed to be Hart's suavity of Jonathan Elsom's dramatic question is whether voice enabled me to follow the or not Disraeli ever told the arguments in D like, and very long, closing speech.

The author had the misfortune to lose the other leading man during rehearsals, and though Jon Harris's direction is not exactly wooden, his performance as Gladstone though gallantly undertaken at short notice, is fairly plank-

Perhaps fiercer sparks would have flashed from the character if the production had gone according to plan.

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appearance of the sink-plunger, to be attached to the cranium, is a reminder that what he has been tossing into the trolley is probably old product after all, but in a

Hebrides the Duke of Edinburgh is worshipped as a god.

There certainly is some new material here. He brings on to his cluttered stage the young Victnamese violinist Thieuhoa, who is to take part in his National show, Violin Time, He even called forth from the back row of the audience the Newfoundlander she is to marry. Depending how you look at it. Canada is a black hole in Campbell's universe or a sort of hyperspace: everything disappears into it or is routed through there into a place that ought to be a billion miles away but turns out to be under our noses.
The underlying theme is the

superficially weird but inti-mate relationship that everything bears to everything else He has developed the parenthesis to an art form, and the shaggy-dog story too, making the route to the last "A-ha!" intriguing and funny. His new material needs to be given neater shape, or a more contrived shapelessness, but doubtless he'll do this in time

Mad and bad in the library

THE ground is buried beneath a spill of novels covered in that sad cellophane that speaks of public libraries. Below a clutch of battered institutional lamps, three wooden cupboards stand in a line, doors shut.

After a sudden black-out three torches switch on inside, creeping up the cracks. Out of a drawer a hand pushes up. Next thing you know in this wacky three-hander by the women's troupe Scarlet Theatre, a jannty theme tune has piped up. A dusty librarian (Jane Guernier). her bun dishevelled, emerges from her locker, chalks up another day, and sets off on her rounds, tidying away the hand en route. She

repeats the cycle with the absurdity of a clown. Yet she has the air of being at once frantic and ground down. Indeed, she looks as if a bomb has hit the library. Her face is blackened, her behaviour perhaps shell-shocked. Two other women (Amanda Hadingue and Maeve Larkin), their blouses in shreds or bloodsoaked, launch into a routine impersonating the chaps from Dad's Army. This may be an aggressive game or a comfort, avoiding reality. Meanwhile Guernier keeps asking if this is the land of the library because she (or he?) is

about to be betrothed to Elizabeth. Sometimes

The Fruit has Turned to Jam in the Fields Young Vic Studio

they all fall down dead. Sometimes they hide in their cupboards and sing. Hadingue and Larkin scrabble on the floor like schoolgirls or lovers, fighting for a hungrily sucked humbug. Maybe this is insane but it is also funny. Jyll Bradley's text knits the pedantic with the

surreal. The cast investigate closeted women's lives, frustrated and ambiguous sexuality. ageing, discipline and uncertainty. Still, the action lost me. Larkin smearing herself with blood may have been associated with stifled sexuality, madness and murderous-

ness or female fertility and mortality. The significance needs sorting out and the serious moments require sharpening. Yet, co-directed by Grainne Byrne and Emma Bernard, the cast are delightfully

inventive. Scarlet Theatre is a trove of talent.

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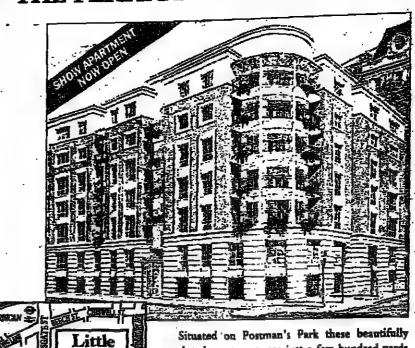
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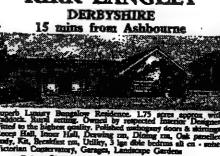
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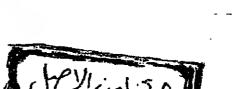
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Home is where the fortress is

senior policeman has spoken out at what he terms a "worry-ing" trend in the housing market: the growth of walled estates often employing private security guards.

Denis O'Connor is depute.

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Denis O'Connor is deputy chief constable of Kent and a member of the committee which wrote a recent report for the Independent Police Foundation and Policy Studies Institute on the role and the responsibility of the police.

He cites anecdotal evidence

which suggests the growth of what he terms "private public space": upmarket executive housing estates where public access is limited. For all that estate agents exto the virtues of such schemes, there are wider, more worrying implications for society.

"I understand people's con-

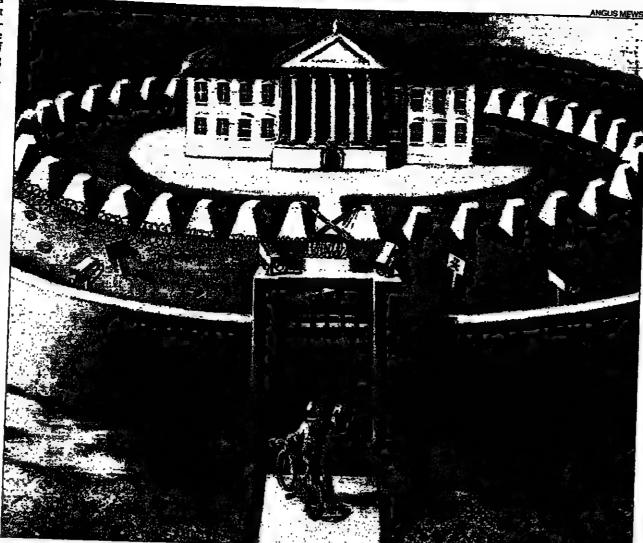
cerns, but there is a danger of a Bladerunner-type future. Mr O'Connor says. "Those who can afford it will feel a limited but tenuous security while they hear the police sirens going outside." The danger is that the type of people who are choosing to live apart in these developments are precisely those who are the most suited and the best resourced to play an active role in rejuvenating and contributing to a wider community.

"Such people are taken out of play. They are insulated from the world," he says. "There is a celebration of individual success at the expense of collective responsibility."

riminals naturally then prey on easier targets outside such estates, although residents are vulnerable should they venture outside. These estates follow the pattern in Brazil and in America where such developments are commonplace.

Roger Humber, the director of the House-Builders' Federation, defends developers by saying that they are responding to consumer demand, specially in inner cities.

These schemes are a shame in some ways, but they are a



minority. Most ordinary family suburban housing is not like this."

Even some of those involved with development are ambivalent. "If your house is inaccessible behind gates, you are locked away from your community, and there is very little neighbourly contact," says Lawrence Leigh, house manager for Elliot Mews, a new St John's Wood development of four houses selling for between £325,000 and £395,000, surrounded by electronic gates. "That's certainly not how I grew up. But for our

customers, the key issue is

security.

urity is the market's current obsession. Ian Stewart, director of country homes at Savills, says: "Ten years ago agents never mentioned security to a client. Now clients consider good security a big plus." This is especially true in the country where isolated houses are vulnerable.

Lassmans, a London estate

agent, recently sold a Nash house in Hanover Terrace in Regent's Park, London, with bullet-proof glass in the windows and steel sheets in all the internal doors. If an intruder broke in, the owner could lock himself in any of the rooms and call for help.

The figures confirm the

public's growing obsession with security. In 1995, 239,000 domestic alarms and security systems were installed, up from 201,000 in 1992. The security industry itself has been growing between 8 and 15 per cent a year since 1990, says Alex Volossevich, commercial manager for the National Approval Council of Security Systems. Between 1991 and 1995, he says, the total value of sales and rentals of alarms

£1.06 billion to £1.9 billion.

Daniel O'Nelll, the proprietor of Home Security Services in London, says: "Eight years ago, only people with a lot of valuables were getting

and systems increased from

alarms. Now, people are buying alarm systems for anything from a de-luxe country house to a council town block. It's a good idea. You probably get more break-ins in a threebedroom semi than in a country house, because most burglars are opportunists, and will break into a home that looks less protected."

need not mean walled estates. Developers can take advantage of the existing good practice guidelines issued by the police to help to cut out crime by avoiding road layouts which provide easy get-

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CASE STUDY

TODDINGTON Park, in Toddington, Bedfordshire, is ringed by two sets of security fences with electronic gates. The 29.5-acre estate is fully floodlit and in case of emergency, residents can signal the estate office and the gatchouse lodge via a special communication system. Gates, floodlights and the doors to the dobermanns' cages can all be operated by remote control.

"We've never had an intruder, and we never have to worry," says the co-owner, Pauline Wilkinson, who is selling Toddington Park for £1.5 million through Savills.

Ms Wilkinson and her husband invested about £250,000 in revamping Toddington Park when they moved there in 1992, even though it had never been burgled. "Inside the inner security

"Inside the inner security fence, we can live a relaxed normal lifestyle," she says. "If we wake up in the middle of a warm night, and want to take a breath of fresh air. we just open a window without worrying about setting off the security alarms. At friends' houses in London It's just the opposite. They have bars, massive bolts and chains, alarms and locks on all the windows, and panic buttons."

• Additional research by Joanna Norland.

aways for criminals and nooks and crannies in which they can hide.

Perhaps one of the best deterrents is the use of closed-circuit television cameras. "Their effectiveness in inhibiting street crime has been widely demonstrated, up and down the country." says Mr O'Connor.

Berkeley Homes' Barnes Waterside development, currently under construction on the south bank of the Thames, has a video-entry system to the flats and closed-circuit television surveillance in the homes. The houses and flats cost between £115,000 and £1.5 million.

Get yourself reconverted

Rachel Kelly and Michael Jones on turning flats back into houses

evelopers are turning converted flats in period properties back into family houses. The 1980s saw a rash of conversions of family houses into flats as demand from first-time buyers swelled. Now the tide has

charles Ellingworth of the buyers' agents Property Vision says: "There are fewer buyers in today's market looking for a one-bedroom flat. Rather than buying a flat in their mid to late twenties, many wait until they are in their thirties. Then they will be more likely to have families and to look for a two or threebedroomed house,"

According to Nick Pearce of the London estate agents Beaney Pearce: "Demand for large family houses has always been strong, particularly over the past few years, while supply has been so short because families have not been moving."

The trend is confirmed by some London councils, including Westminster, Islington and Wandsworth, which report a fall in the number of planning requests for conversions.

Reconverting property makes financial sense. For example, a property in London can be reconverted into a large family house for £200,000. To refurbish four flats, each with their own kitchens, bathrooms and central heating would cost much more. Developers also have to find only one purchaser rather than four.

After the war, many houses were divided into flats because the owners could not afford to maintain their property. In the late 1950s, mortgages became available for the purchase of converted, self-contained flats, which opened up a new market.

Some of these conversions were very poor and scant

thought was put into their design. This has resulted in most of the properties requiring much work and modernisation.

Winkworth in London confirms the reconversion trend. A large freehold house in St Anne's Terrace, St John's Wood was bought last year as two maisonettes with an estimated combined value of £500,000. Then the developer, Dreamgate, restored the property as a family house with four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a study and a patio garden and placed it on the market for £650,000.

Other areas in London which have seen similar developments include Putney and Kensington.

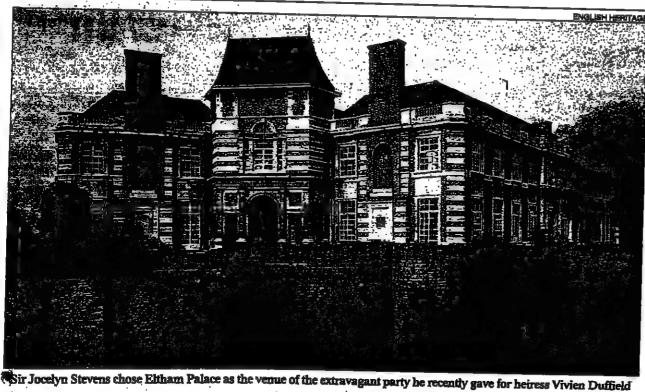
ney and Kensington.
Robert Pemberton of
Winkworth's Putney office
says: "In order to achieve
ownership of the entire
house, the buyer generally
acquires the freehold flat on
the ground floor and then
buys the leases above as
they become available."

Northacre has begun work on restoring the flats in Earls Terrace. Kensington into houses. The development is due for completion by 1999.

John Hunter of Northacre says: "We shall be taking a few houses at a time and creating diverse and individual styles and layouts, from a contemporary look to a classical design. We aim to reinstate the whole row of houses to its original form."

The Georgian properties on Earls Terrace look tall and narrow from the outside but Northacre plans to reconvert them into large six-bedroom houses.

"Each house in the terrace benefits from a 100ft rear garden, giving the feeling of being in your own London country estate," says Mr Hunter.



Hidden historic treat

liham Palace, hidden in one of the less elegant suburbs of south London, has become the backdrop for stylish parties for the first time since the Courtauld family left it more than 50 years ago.

Sir Jocelyn Stevens chose the palace as the venue of the extravagant party he recently gave in honour of the heiress Vivien Duffield. English Heritage, which he chairs, opened Eltham Palace to the public earlier this year.

Stephen and Virginia Courtauld of the wealthy textile family, who acquired Eltham Palace in the 1930s, would be pleased to see it once again the scene of entertaining. They used the Great Hall for parties after renovating it and building Courtauld House, an Art Deco mansion, on the side at a cost of £2 million.

The Courtaulds wanted the benefits of a country house within striking distance of London which was large enough to house weekend guests and their own extensive art collections. Their life at Eltham was leisurely. The Courtaulds built a swimming pool and squash court. Surrounded by 14 acres of beautiful grounds, which afforded views across to the centre of London, they could indulge their passion for gardening. They landscaped the grounds and dug a sunken rose garden. Even today it is possible to stand in the gardens and forget that Lewisham is just

around the corner.

Eltham Palace, despite its location, was a royal retreat for more than 500 years. Its listory dates back to 1086 when Odo, Bishop of Bayeux and half-brother of William the Conqueror, held the manor of Eltham. In the following centuries Edward II and Edward III lived there, as did Richard II. Henry IV was married by proxy to Joan of Navarre at Eltham in

But by 1649 Eltham Palace was described as much out of repair and soe

Eltham Palace has a long and colourful

on its revival

not tenantable". Shortly afterwards Partiament sold Eltham and it was partly demolished. In the 17th and 18th centuries the palace became a farm and the Great Hall, once of England's last remaining medieval royal halls, was used as a barn. The Courtaulds acquired the lease from

The Courtaulds acquired the lease from the Crown on condition they renovated both the hall and moat. Only a sliding screen separates the Great Hall from the Art Deco mansion, but the exterior style of the house blends with the 15th-century hall better than might be expected.

Inside, Courtauld House has an eclectic

mix of design styles. A wide range of sumptuous materials was used to decorate the house including exotic hardwoods, chrome, onyx, leather and marble. Several rooms reflect the "Cunard style" made popular by fashionable cruise liners of the age with fitted furniture and

smooth veneered surfaces, often with curved ends. Some connecting walls had "portholes" and the guest bedrooms were laid out like cabins. Cleverly concealed lighting features in many rooms.

In sharp contrast, the drawing room has been described as more Californian in style. The room had painted beams and

In sharp contrast, the drawing room has been described as more Californian in style. The room had painted beams and bas reliefs in the window by Gilbert Ledward. The entrance hall, or rotunda, is perhaps the first example of modern Swedish interior design in England. Designed by Rolf Engstroemer, it is top-lit by a glass dome and features marquetry panels depicting Stockholm and Venice, The rotunda opened straight onto the terrace, ideal for entertaining.

The most sumptuous room in the house is Virginia Courtauld's bathroom, which has an onyx bath and gold-plated fittings. The gold mosaic recess once housed a marble copy of Psyche, lover of Cupid.

The Courtaulds designed the house so that even Mah-Jong, the pet lemur, had its own living quarters — a heated cage upstairs on the first floor connected by a bamboo ladder to its own kitchen downstairs.

The house incorporated domestic innovations such as underfloor heating, synchronised electric clocks in every room, a single centralised vacuum cleaner located in the basement with sockets in every room, as well as a Tannoy system which would allow Stephen Courtauld to speak to everyone else in the house. It is believed that Virginia Courtauld blocked the Tannoy in her room as she became tired of her husband shouting at her.

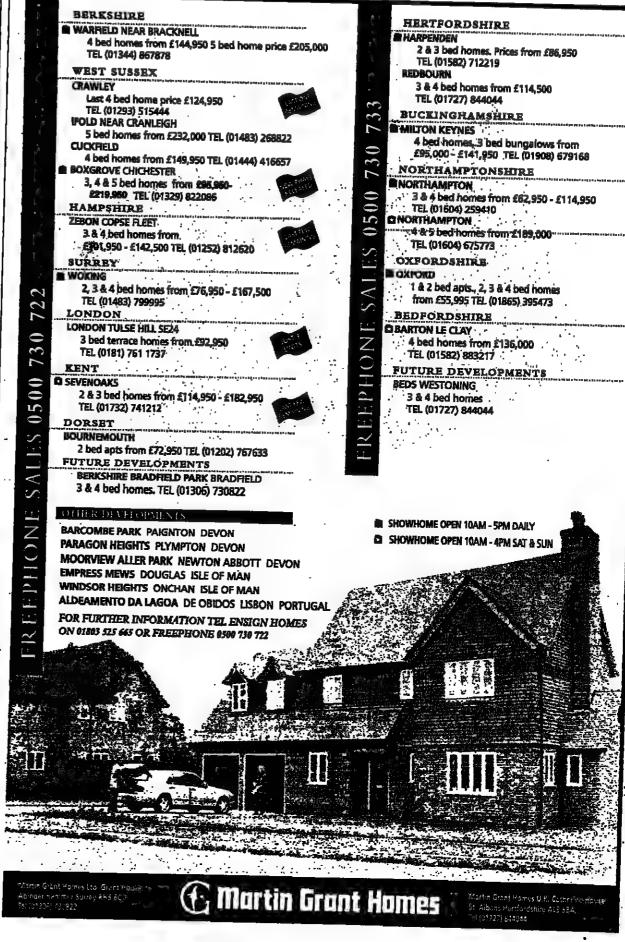
espite creating a house which perfectly reflected their lifestyle, the Courtaulds eventually tired of life in London's suburbs and after only six years decided to move to Southern Rhodesia, where they built a new home with many similarities to the design of their house in Eltham.

The lease of the house was given to the War Department and it was later used as

an education centre, conference centre

and officers' mess for the Army. It is to their credit that most of the house remains as it was in the time of the Courtaulds.

Eltham Palace, Court Road, Eltham, London SE9 is open to the public from 10am to 4pm on Thursday, Friday and Sunday (October to March) and 10am to 6pm (April to September), Admission to the Courtauld House and gardens: adults £4, concession £3, children £2, Admission to gardens only: adults £2, concessions £1.50, children £1. English Heritage Members free, Admission to the Courtauld House is by guided tour which can be booked on 0181-294 2548.



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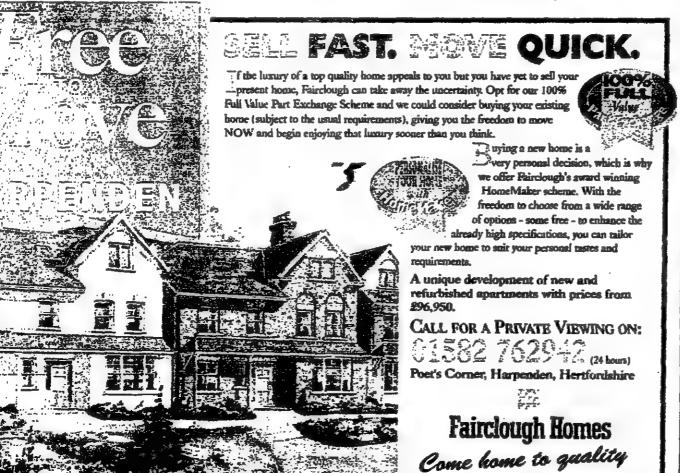
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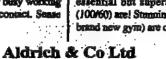
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Johnson revives old magic

Peter Simunovich on the remarkable return

to action of an American sporting legend

efore Earvin "Magic" Johnson came out of his enforced retirement after 42 years, Los Angeles Lakers were not considered serious contenders to win the National Basketball Association (NBA) championship. They were going nowhere, and their best hope seemed to be making the second round of the play-offs before taking an early summer vacation. However, the Lakers have won 20 games out of 27 since Johnson's return, and now have a genuine chance of representing the Western Conference in the NBA finals.

Johnson. 36. has made the other teams, including the rampaging Chicago Bulls, sit up and take notice by scoring 424 points at an average of 15.7 per game. He is still considered the most astute player in the NBA, is arguably the best oncourt leader, and brings more players into the game than anyone else. In short, he is as important to the Lakers as Michael Jordan is to Chicago Bulls.

Yet, no matter how Johnson is admired for bringing new life to the Lakers, there is always the HIV factor. Johnson's warm and disarming smile cannot hide the private battle that he is fighting daily. After the back-slappers have left the stadium, the stretch limousines carrying Jack Nicholson, Charlie Sheen and Dyan Cannon have driven off, and the lights have dimmed, the stigma of HIV remains. While wearing his famous No 32 jersey, Johnson looks healthy and there are no restrictions as he directs the Lakers on court.

However, whenever Johnson performs his craft on the boards, the HTV factor flashes like a neon sign. It will not go away even though he can console himself by recapturing the form that led the Lakers to five NBA championships when he was at his peak.

Since he stunned the nation on November 7, 1991, by telling a press conference that he was HIV positive and would retire, Johnson's life has been a mixed bag. First, he had to tell his family that he had tested positive: then, he had to cope with retirement from a game that had been his life and find some sort of . employment, even though he did not need the money. Johnson, who is married with two children.

invested in businesses and joined a group of businessmen that failed to win an NBA franchise in Canada. He also became a lot less visible

endorsing products on national television, which underlined the reluciance of leading corporations to be associated with someone who is HIV positive.

He threw his support behind

movements to help curb the spread of Aids and, at the invitation of former president George Bush. became a spokesman for a government committee formed to tackle the Aids issue. His involvement did not last long and Johnson left because he became disillusioned with the committee's efforts, instead, he now raises millions of dollars for the Magic Johnson Foundation for Aids Research.

While Johnson became a tremendous advocate for Aids research and awareness of the virus, basketball never left his heart. He went through a period of self-denial and, in 1992, represented America's

Dream Team" at the Olympic Games. When he received his gold medal, his dream of playing the game at the highest level again appeared to have gone forever. He organised and played in exhibition teams around the world, but these never fulfilled his desire to play against the likes of Jordan and Charles Barkley.

ince Johnson's retirement, the world has slowly become more educated about HIV and Aids and this has allowed him to return to the Lakers and to show people who are infected with HIV that there can be life after the virus.

Johnson had to break down some barriers. Some other players, notably Karl Maione, of Utah Jazz. expressed concern about the risk of becoming infected while playing against him. However, the critics have been converted and, in recent weeks, have endorsed Johnson's

When Johnson first returned, opposing players and colleagues were wary about him on the court, but now the HIV question is not the prime concern. Opponents no longer hold back from physical confrontation. The list of admirers for what Johnson has done for HIV awareness is long and growing.



Johnson has risen to the challenge of reviving his career and the fortunes of LA Lakers

Jose Zuniga, the director of public affairs for the Aids Action Council in Washington DC, described Johnson as an "inspiration to people living with Aids". He said: "Since he has stepped back onto the court, he has been a leader in the move to control the spread of Aids among youth."

Johnson provided active support for Tommy Morrison, the heavy-weight boxer, after he tested posi-

tive only hours before a fight. Johnson called him within 48 hours of the news and talked to him about how his life would change, how he would cope with the virus and how he would live a normal life.

Ben Carlson, the programme rector of Mobilisation Against Aids in San Francisco, says that Johnson has shown that a person with HIV can live a normal

hero to the younger people, who are in needs of Aids awareness," he said. Johnson is now preparing for the play-offs. His dream is to meet Jordan and the Bulls in the best-ofto God and I hope we get a shot at them." he said. "He [Jordan] wouldn't want to see us. You'll see a hell of a final."

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At the weekend, asked why he made a substitution, Keegan said that it was because the crowd wanted it ... "and it's their club. Not my club, not Sir John Hall's club. It's their club". Some peope talk pious tosh about supporters; Keegan makes them part of the decision-making process.

It is not passing the buck, for Keegan has made a number of stunningly unpopular moves when he has considered it necessary, the most obvious being the sale of the beloved Andy Cole. However, scarcely anyone else in sport - let alone in football - believes that the supporter can make any non-fiscal contribution to

Ray Illingworth, the England cricket manager, takes the opposite view to Keegan. He has said, time and again, that a person who has not played Test cricket is disqualified from having a worthwhile opinion on the interna-

tional game. By the same token, you cannot ex-

press a useful opinion about a novel unless you have written one; and you cannot comment on a performance of the Goldberg Variations unless you are a virtuoso pianist. Is this elitism? Not at all. It is an aspect of the defensive process that is the vital reason for becoming a Clubable Man. In short, it is the way this country works. Most football managers hide

behind their membership of the Football Managers Club. Every word that they say to outsiders underlines their exclusion, their utter Outside-ness. Kenny Dalgish was always the master here. "Alan had a good game, Kenny." "Aye, but there's uluvun mun on

'Tim did well, Kenny."

"Thut's wout he's pudd for." You cannot really blame football managers for this studied obtuseness. It is a stressful job, and the weekly sessions of self-justification are enough to try anyone's nerves. Managers see, often correctly, a ran in every question — or. none exists, they make one for themselves, which was always the Graham Taylor technique. Naturally, whenever possible, managers Alas, alack.

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Black: John Shaw

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drop their heads below the parapet of professionalism.

For many, perhaps for most people, life consists in the building up of a series of barriers between themselves and the rest of the world. Illingworth endeavours to remain inviolate behind the selferected wall of the Canny Old Pro. All sporting people like to build up a sense of my stery about the nature of their work; they have an urgent need to be misunderstood.

This is why Keegan is so astonishing. Earlier this season, asked to comment on the scorer of a winning goal, he said: "I was about to substitute him, actually - great management, eh?"

Keegan strips away the Emperor's new clothes, or perhaps I mean the manager's flash suit. The bestkent secret of football management is that there is no secret. Luck, the happy accident, the great players, the heart-lifting crowds - that is

where results come from. Hearing Keegan talk, you feel that life really should be like this. At the weekend, he trumpeted defiunce in his match

programme: "! will not compromise. Football is to be a joy: never a chore. "We are dealers in hopes dreams," he said after the game on Saturday. Keegan has al-

ways been the Aramis of football management unquestionably one of the three musketeers, but always the one who kept insisting that he was not really a musketeer at all. He has given us a season of swaggering, swashbuckling football, filled with wild gambles, wild hopes, wild

conducted with style, grace and the most perfect manners. He is a throwback, perhaps to a time that never was, to a time when 4-3 was always the perfect scoreline, no matter which side of it you were on. "In the North of England, the game is often played in a very different spirit," wrote The Field in 1882, "and at times the anxiety to win leads to much

dreams: everything, even defeat,

umpleasantness." In the far North East, we have seen a club that plays with passion and style; a team that plays as if owed it to the people - of the North East, of the world — to give them delight. It has been football for the love of it, and, by etymology, a amateur.

Is that why Newcastle now looked doomed to finish second?

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Bd7

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Britain plan championship surprise

By Norman de Mesquita

GREAT Britain open their programme in pool B of the world ice hockey championships in Eindhoven this morning better prepared than any of their predecessors. The domestic season that has just ended was compressed into seven months instead of eight and, for the first time, the squad has had the benefit of a gix-day training camp.

It is a welcome contrast to last year when Britain, weakbecause the event clashed with the Wembley play-offs, just avoided relegation to pool C. Promotion to pool A, with the likes of Russia and Canada, is now the target. Some of the teams who we played last year in Slovakia

and who had big wins over us

will be thinking facing Britain will be another easy game," Shannon Hope, the captain, said, "but we are a lot stronger this year, so the surprise will work in our favour. Last year, the championships clashed with Wembley so some players were flying home in be-tween games to play for their clubs. It wasn't the best way to prepare and we nearly fell out of pool B because of it.

Our preparations this year have been much better. We got together a couple of days after Wembley and have had a week in Holland training together and working on things. We know it is not going to be easy, but we are looking to get into pool A again. That's where we want to be - it has to be our ultimate goal." Unfortunately; Nicky Chinn, one of the country's best players, suffered a shoulder injury during the Wembley championship weekend and has withdrawn. His place has gone to Merv Priest, of Basingstoke Bison, taking the number of Canadian-born players to 16 in a 23-man While Britain have certainly

done well in their Olympic Games qualifying group and are unbeaten after five games, those fixtures were played over several months. The team now faces four games in the first five days and, in all, seven games in 11 days. This is a punishing schedule and puts a premium on fimess in what essentially a young man's game. That 15 of the players are aged 27 or older (nine are in their thirties) makes you

wonder if such a schedule will not prove too demanding. The first game, against Lat-via, which faces off at 11.30am

today, could be the most difficult of all. Latvia were runners-up in this group last year, losing only 4-3 to Slovakia, the eventual winners. Britain then meet Switzerland tomorrow evening — the Swiss were relegated from pool A last year - and then. after a day's rest, the they play Poland and Holland, the countries whom they beat last year. Japan, Denmark and Belorussia, promoted from

ain's other opponents. OREAT BRITAIN'S FIXTURES: Yoday: Lanka, Tomorrow: Switzerland Salkarday: Poland: Sunday: Holland April 16: Japan. April 19: Derman, April 20: Balous-nia.

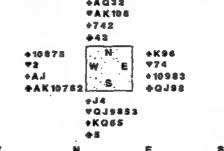
pool C last year and an

unknown quantity, are Brit-

HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent The hand today hand illustrates a technique known as "playing on an assumption". Terence Reese, in his book, The Expert Game, was the first to explain the principle.

Dealer West East-West game Rubber bridge **AG32**



West leads the ace and king of clubs against Four Hearts. The way that the declarer should think is: if the ace of diamonds is onside (ie, with East), there are no problems. So, assume the worst, that West has it. In that case, East is likely to have the king of

the declarer can do? Yes, draw trumps and lead a low spade from dummy. If East has the king, he will either have to duck, in which case declarer can afford two diamond losers, or go in with his king, in which case there will be two spade tricks established for diamond discards. Suppose, on the other hand, that West has the king of spades. Then, assuredly, the ace of diamonds will be with East, who must

Land: Ace of chibs have some outside high card

for his Three Club bid at adverse vulnerability. The team that won the Premier League (Paul, Jason and Justin Hackert, Ian Monachan, Tony Forrester and Andy Robson) has been selected to play in the Olympiad in Greece in October. Tony

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Diagram of final position

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Improve your game with Ray Keene's book, The Times Winning Chess, published by Batsford at £9.99 (credit card orders 01376 327901).

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine -Koutny. Prague. 1936. Although White is a rook in arrears, his pieces are all dangerously close to the black king. How did Alekhine ex-

ploit this in fine style?

Solution on page 46



Accused swimmer has | Bath asked to sparkle briefest of reprieves

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

drug monitoring.

Foschi maintained that she

had never taken drugs and

wanted her name cleared.

Under a federal law that

governs Olympic sports in the

United States, she went to the

AAA While awaiting a ruling.

she unsuccessfully competed

in the Olympic trials in India-

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to the conclusion that ...

[Foschil and all those connect-

ed with her are innocent and

without fault," the AAA ruled.

regardless of the arbitration

association's findings, Fina

had to conduct its own inqui-

ry. "In spite of whatever other

rulings there are, we have to

go through this procedure," he

said. There's nothing irregu-

lar in it. We always request a

report relating to a positive

Fina has the power to im-

pose its own ban or whatever

punishment it deems neces-

sary if it believes that Foschi

has broken its rules.

doping case."

Werner said, however, that,

The overwhelming evi-

napolis last month.

JESSICA FOSCHI, a teen- to swim while subject to strict aged American swimmer who tested positive for steroids last summer, was given only a brief reprieve on Monday. No sooner had she been cleared of blame by the American Arbitration Association (AAA) than Fina, the sport's world governing body, announced yesterday that it would be launching its own investigation.

We are investigating the whole case and will discuss it in executive committee in Atlanta next week," Gunnar Werner, the Fina secretary. said. That meeting will de-cide whether there is a case against her or not, according

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to Fina rules." Foschi, who failed to qualify for the Olympic Games in Atlanta this summer, tested positive at the United States national championships in Pasadena last August. While the rules say that a steroid finding automatically attracts a two-year suspension, a United States review panel said that her sample might have been tampered with and voted instead to place her on two years' probation, allowing her

at hostile Kingsholm

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRIAN ASHTON, the Bath rugby union coach, is demanding another sparkling "home" performance from his team tonight - even though they are playing at Gloucester, where they are guaranteed a hostile reception.

A win at Kingsholm would

stretch Bath's lead at the head of the Courage Clubs Championship to four points over "I think at one time we did have a mental block over

putting together our best game away from home," Ashton said, "but we did it at Sale - and certainly at Bristol the other week when we won "It's going to be a difficult game, for Gloucester are

fighting for survival in the first division, but our players are determined to win the league and cup double. It's a tough week, but we have tough players." Gloucester make six

changes - five enforced by injuries - but Richard Hill, the director of coaching, said: "I think the lads coming in will do a good job."

Although Gloucester lost 19-10 to Bath in the Pilkington Cup semi-final at the Recreation Ground a fortnight ago, Dave Sims, their captain, believes that home advantage could help them to

oull off a shock. France have named an' experimental team, includingfour uncapped players, for the international against Romania in Aurillac on April 20. Herve Guirand, a hooker, Hugues Miorin, at lock, Christophe Moni, a flanker, and David Venditti, on the

wing, are the newcomers. "It was a sad winter for France," Jean-Claude Skrela, the coach, said, "In spring, I want players who are eager to play and enjoy themselves." Richard Dourthé, who was

suspended after stamping on Ben Clarke in Paris, returns at full back in place of Jean-Luc Sadourny, who asked to

FRANCE (v Romente, April 20) R Douriné D Vendith, O Campon S Glas, P Sant-André (daplairé, A Persuut, G Aptouchery, F Tournaire, H Guireuri, C Califano, C Morn, H Morn, O Roumel, M Llearemont, A Bornazi, Replacoments: E Marriacia, T Cactalgnéde, P Carbonnour, T Labrousse, M de Housemont, J L. Joseph

Contract: Four Hearts by South

spades for his Three Club bid Priday is to be captain and at adverse vulnerability. So, is there anything that David Burn coach.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard PLICELLE

BURSA a. Financial officer of Trinity b. A boil c. The citadel of Carthage

GUELPH a. The Gulf of Trondheim b. A factionalist c. The wife of a troll

a. An electric circuit b. A flea c. Joan of Arc **CANEPHORUS** a. A basket case b. An eater of dogs c. The Nilotic bullrush

Keegan is defiant as hopes fade for title

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ADMITTING defeat was never part of Kevin Keegan's character. He was the neversay-die footballer, the battler for whom willpower was his most valuable weapon. He is no different now, as a manager, to the way he was as a player and yesterday he was defiantly refusing to concede that the race for the FA Carling Premiership crown is

Despite the crushing disappointment of his side's 2-1 deleat at Blackburn Rovers on Monday night, Keegan, al-though bitterly disappointed, made it clear that he would not allow his side to throw in the towel. Manchester United, clear at the top of the table. still have a fight on their hands, he promised.

"We must believe United will slip up somewhere," Keegan said. If they lose at Southampton on Saturday

The mayor of Cremona yesterday apologised to Paul Ince. the England midfield player, for racist abuse directed at him by the local team's supporters during the Italian League match between Cremonese and Internazionale on Saturday. Mayor Paolo Bodini said that he had sent a letter to Ince and to Massimo Moratti, the Milan club's chairman, expressing his "sincere apologies for the despicable rudeness and lack of sporting behaviour", and distancing the city from the incident.

and we beat Aston Villa on Sunday, it's back to the status quo. It's been a hell of a season and I know a lot of the country wanted us to win the title, but if it's not meant to be, then it's not meant to be and it's looked for the past few weeks that it

"Nevertheless, I still don't think the final chapter has been written yet. We won't feel sorry for ourselves and won't give up until it is mathematically impossible. That's what

Ironically, it was Graham Fenton, a true Newcastle supporter, Tyneside born and bred, who Keegan picked for his England Under-21 side in a game at St James' Park last season, who twisted the knife. Appearing as a second-half substitute, he scored the two goals in the last five minutes that turned a would-be Newcastle victory - courtesy of David Batty's first goal for

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the club - into an unwanted defeat. "My family were down to watch me - my mother, sister and her boyfriend." Fenton said. "The last thing they said to me before the game was that if I came on as substitute, I must not score, but that's my job."

Keegan, keenly aware of the irony, said: "If it hadn't been him, it would probably have him, it would probably have been Alan Shearer fanother Tyneside product]. You know players at this level are capa-ble of scoring and Fenton had been touted as a great player two or three years ago. He's lost his way since, but has come on and scored against us. It's just meant to be that

The attitude at Old Trafford was a marked contrast to the gloom at St James' Park. After the 1-0 defeat of Coventry City. thanks to another matchwinner from Eri Cantona. Alex Ferguson, the manager, said: "We are doing what we have to do and that is winning games. That gives us a chance. Our spirit and determination is brilliant. Players make mis-

takes, but they get on with it.
We created so many chances without really improving our goal difference and Coventry must have thought they had a lifeline. We created some good passing movements but, in the last 20 minutes, we appeared to drop dead. We have now won our two games at Easter and that always helps." Cantona has now scored 17 goals in 33

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, ordered his men to put their feet up after their championship hopes maintained by goals Stan Collymore and Barnes against West Ham United. A makeshift Liverpool side - without five defenders through suspension and injury - came through their fourth game in nine days to close to within two points of second-placed Newcastle with a 24) success.

"It wasn't fantastic, but we

could only do what we did. who came in at the back. especially Michael Thomas. did really well." Evans said. "We won't throw the towel in. We got the three points we needed though and that takes us nearer a guaranteed European place, which is what we want before the FA Cup Final. We don't play until the derby at Everton next Tuesday, so I've given them a few days off - they deserve it."



Hideo Nomo, above, the starting pitcher for Los Angeles Dodgers, throws against Atlanta Braves during the Dodgers' first home match in the National League baseball season on Monday. Nomo, the 1995 rookie of the year, pitched the first shutout of the season and the fourth of his career,

Old Firm prepare

to battle over Vialli

By Kevin McCarra

sees what Celtic have to offer

would seriously consider join-

ing us." While the comments

from Rangers were far more

restrained, they, too, are genu-

inely interested in acquiring

Vialli and may already have

record of injuries, as well as

the likely outlay of £6 million

on a three-year contract, there

are other clubs said to be

eager to buy him. These reportedly include Arsenal

Yesterday, Celtic did con-

clude important, if less dra-

suading three of their best

young players - Simon Don-

nelly, Jackie McNamara and

Phil O'Donnell — to extend

the Bell's Scottish League

championship continues this

evening. Rangers. five points

clear at the top of the premier

division, travel to Heart of

Midiothian while Celtic are at

home to Kilmarnock.

The Old Firm contest for

their contracts until 2000.

Despite Vialli's age and

pursued the matter.

and Parma.

RANGERS may have beaten

Celtic in the Tennants Scot-

tish Cup semi-final on Sun-

day, but, even though that

was the last Old Firm meeting

of the season, the rivalry

between the clubs continues

to be frantic. They may soon find themselves competing for

the signature of Gianluca

The Juventus player, 31, is

out of contract at the end of

the season and, in the wake of

the Bosman ruling, no fee

would be required were he to

leave Turin. That fact, how-

ever, allows him to increase

is thought that Vialli would

ask for £2 million per year

from any club that tried to

Conjecture about such

signings normally meets with

a coy response, but Tommy

Burns, the Celtic manager,

was unequivocal on the mat-

ter. "We will be actively

involved in the chase for

Vialli," he said. "I think now

that anyone who comes and

sign him.

Vialli, the Italian forward.

helping Los Angeles to a naif-bling I-0 win. Almost as important for a seliout crowd of 53,180, Nome won his personal duel with Tom Glavine. the 1995 World Series most valuable player. The only hits he allowed were a single by Dave Justice in the second inning, a two-out double by Jeff

Blauser in the eighth and a lead-off single by Fred McGriff in the ninth. Raul Mondesi drove in the only run with a third-inning single, one of just five hits off Glavine in his seven innings. "I tried to make the run count." Nomo said. "I wanted to finish this game."

Crowds please Lindsay

SUPER League clubs have been celebrating bumper crowds for their Easter matches, following on from the record turnout for the launch of the new rugby league competition.

A total of 88,236 supporters watched the II Super League matches over the holiday weekend, an average of 8,021 per game. That compares with an average of 6.242 from 16 matches at the start of the Stones Centenary Championship last year.

Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chief executive, yesterday welcomed not only the improved crowds but also what he believes are higher standards of performance.

He said: "Super League is continuing its healthy trend. even though the weather is yet to turn into the warmth of the summer. Another aspect of Super League which, in my opinion, is important is that the players are becoming

"The pace of the game has dramatically increased under the new rules and that will

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Colorado 6 Chicago 9: Los Angeles 1 Allanta 0; San Diego 9 Flonda 2. Pittsburgh 3 Philadelphia 6, Cincinnal 7 New York 6; Houston 6 San Francisco 2; St Louis 3 Montreal 4, AMERICAN LEAGUE. Postporned: Bod

By Christopher Irvine lead to the sort of fitness levels achieved by the Australians. I am sure that, when the international playing scene settles down, as it inevitably will, our

national team will demon-

strate those improved performance levels." Martin Offiah, the Wigan and Great Britain wing, could be out for up to a month after cracking a bone in his lower back in the defeat at St Helens last Friday.

It means that he could miss the first cross-code challenge



Offiah: out for month

match against Bath, at Maine Road on May 8, and Wigan's participation in the Middlesex Sevens at Twickenham three days later.

Neil Harmon, the Leeds captain, has been cleared of serious injury after neck and back spasms suffered when tackling Apollo Perelini, the St Helens prop forward, in their match on Monday. "He had a precautionary X-ray and nothing was found to be wrong." a Leeds spokesman said.

Warrington have failed in a move to sign Martin Dermott. 28, the former Great Britain hooker, from Wigan. Alex Murphy, the Warrington football director, said: "We did make an inquiry for Martin, but he looks set to move to Australia."

Dermott, 28, has been at Central Park for 12 years, but has been unable to claim a regular first-team place since the arrival, three years ago, of Martin Hall, the Wales hooker. He has been offered a deal to join Barrie Jon Mather, his former international teammate, with the Western Reds in Perth.

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Bulls record 5 home run punctured by Hornets

CHICAGO Bulls' National Basketball Association (NBA) record of 44 home wins in succession came to an end on Monday when they were beaten 98-97 by Charlotte Hornets. The defeat ended the hopes of Michael Jordan and his teammates of becoming the first team in NBA history to go undefeated at home, and leaves the Bulls needing four wins in their last seven games to become the first team in league history to win 70 games

in a season.

I lain McKinney, of Sheffield Sharks, has broken the world record held by Earvin "Magic" Johnson for the longes basketball score, shooting cleanly from 90ft 63 in in an exhibition at Ponds Forge in Sheffield to better Johnson's mark of 90ft 24 in.

Hendry favourite

Snooker: Stephen Hendry, of Scotland, the defending champion, will start as favourite to win the world championship when the tournament opens in Sheffield in ten days time. Hendry will be chasing his sixth world title. John Higgins, a fellow Scot, will begin as second favourite. Steve Davis and Jimmy White, are priced as relative long shots by bookmakers, at 20-1 and 25-1 respectively.

Doyle goes

Cycling: Tony Doyle, the president of the British Cycling Federation (BCF). yesterday resigned from the post — little more than two weeks after surviving an attempt by the federation's directors to remove him. Delegates had voted against proposals to cancel Doyle's appointment after allegations of conflict of interests. Doyle acts as a consultant for Sport for Television — the company dismissed by BCF as promoters of the world track championships later this year.

Britons slip up

Tennis: Tim Henman and Mark Petchey, of Great Britain, were beaten in the first round of the Indian Open tournament in Delhi yesterday. Henman, the No 6 seed, raced to a 6-1 victory in the first set of his meeting with Frederik Fetterlein, of Den-mark, but then collapsed, losing the second and third sets 6-1 and 6-0. Petchey went out 6-4, 6-4 to Thomas Enqvist, of Sweden, the No I

Boardman out

Cycling: Chris Boardman. was forced to retire from the 200-kilometre Paris to Camembert race yesterday after a

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Dutch plea fails to move Uefa

By Our Sports Staff

UEFA, the governing body of European football, has refused to allow Fevenourd supporters to attend the second leg of their Cup Winners' Cup semi-final against Rapid Vienna in Austria on April 18. Uefa banned them because of disturbances in which 200 German and Dutch supporters were arrested and nine German policemen injured after their quarter-final match with Borussia Mönchengladbach on March 7. Feyenoord appealed against that decision, but Uefa rejected that plea yesterday.

The Dutch side, seeking to win the Cup Winners' Cup to complete a full set of European trophies, were held I-I at home by the Austrians in the

Real Madrid, the Spanish champions, will not select four of their leading players again this season. Ivan Zamorano, the Chile international who was their top scorer last season, and Luis Enrique, a leading figure in the World Cup finals in 1994, are, according to Real officials, not properly motivated because their contracts expire in June, while Manuel Sanchis, a defender. and Michel, the former Spain

captain, are in poor form. Their exclusion may herald a summer of significant changes at the Santiago Bernebėu stadium. Zamorano is being linked with Juventus as a possible replacement for Gianluca Vialli, the veteran Italian forward, Michel is also likely to leave. having fallen out publicly with the Real board, while Hugo De La Peña, the brilliant Barcelona teenager, is reported to be keen to move to Madrid.

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FOR THE RECORD Sched; 2, P Walkins (Wembley RC) 61:08; 3, P Man (Wembley RC) 61:15 Team: Wembley RC 3rt 07mn 54sec Mid Shropshire Wheelers (Preez, 16 7 miles) 1, K Murray (Army CJ) 38mm 14sec; 2, S York (Mid Shropshire Wheelers) 38:41; 3, A Shrester (Mid Shropshire Wheelers) 38:57, Team: Mid Shropshire Wheelers) 19:57min 19:ec.

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LUDGROVE SCHOOL Wokingham: Kransind Cup: Final: E Wass and J Helstead bit R Mason and J Mole, 12-8, 12-9, 12-8

FOOTBALL

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8, T Lehman, N Faldo (GB) and M Czali
Lapon) 7 (3, 1); SEBurgton (Aus) 6:34, 12;
V Singh (Fig) 5:65, 13 P Mickelson 5:41; 14,
3 M Olézabal (Sp) 5:36, 15, M McCumbor

5 17 Women: 1, L Deves (GB) 363 62pts; 2. A Screnttam (Swe) 342,15; 3. L Neumann (Swe) 281,48; 4. K Robbins 244,29; 5. E Daniel 213,12; 6, M Maston 199,48, 7, P Sheehan 185,46, B, D Pepper 170,05,9, M McGann 189,93; 10, J Geddes 154,83

MOTOR CYCLING

THRUXTON: Motor Cycle News British superbike championship: Third round [17] laps, 40 052 miles]: 1, T flymor (Old Spice Ducasi) 22mm 48 60scc (105 35mph) 2, J Whutham (Cadbury Boost Yameha) 2248.85, 3, N Meckense Ceadbury Boost Yameha) 22 49 31 (105 25mph) 2, Whitham 22 49 64, 3, R Sunger [Sabre Kawasak] 22 50.03 Championship positions: 1, Meckense 88pts, 3, I Sampson 52-3, Rymor 50

MOTOR SPORT

DONINGTON PARK: Auto Trader RAC tourning car chemptonship. First round (21 laps, 52:50 miles) 1, F Belai (Gori, Audi Al, 38min 33 13sec (81 70mph), 2 W Hory (GB), Penault Laguna, at 1 19sec. 3, A Menu (Switz), Renault Laguna, at 214 Second round (18 laps, 45 miles) 1, Belai 29 51 158 (90 44mph), 2, Hoy at 1 941sec, 3, R Rydel (Swer, Volvo 850, at 3673 Chemptonship positions: Dimens; 1, Belai 31pt, 2, Hoy 24, 3 × Bur (35), Volvo 850, 14 Manufacturers; 1, Audi 30, 2, Renault 24; 3 Volvo 20

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KETTERING: English Open: Men: Singles: Final: Kong Linghui bi Wang Tao 12-21, 14-21, 21-14, 21-14, 21-14 Doubles: Final: W Schlager and K. Jindrak (Austra) bi Wang Tao and Lu Lin (Christ) 21-17, 22-20 Women: Singles: Final Yang (Yang (Christ) bi Chen Jing (Tawan) 21-14, 11-21, 21-16, 21-18, Doubles: Final: Yang Yang and Wang Hui (Christ) bi Li Ju and Wu Na (Chann) 16-21, 22-20, 24-22

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7-6, 6-4; C Carath (II) bi P Baur (Ger) 6-3,
6-3; N Kulti (Swe) bi J Bjorkman 6-3, 8-4; F
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6-0; J Van Herck (Bel) bi A Jamyd (Swe) 7-6,
6-3, J Henrian (F) bi D Ogorodov (Juli 5-7,
6-2, 6-3, M Bhupethi (India) bi P Sonath (India) 6-3, 6-2; T Emparti (Swe) bi M Perchey (GB) 6-4, 6-4; J Stark (US) bi M Norman (Swe) 6-1, 7-6
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AIR QUEST

Trainer: Roger Charlton

An unraced brother to Quest For Fame, the 1990 Derby winner, he is likely to make his debut at Newbury next week. Holds a Derby entry but it would be no surprise if he shines later in the season and, given his stamina-packed pedigree, could develop into a St Leger candidate

ALHAARTH

Trainer: Dick Hern Hern has trained 17 classic winners during his illustrious career while Willie Carson, his regular rider, has ridden just one fewer, and they have an outstanding chance of adding to their totals by winning the 2,000 Guineas with last season's top two-year-old colt. The unbeaten son of Unfuwain displayed class, speed and courage - particularly when winning the Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood — and has reportedly wintered well. However, being out of an Irish River mare he is far from certain to get the Derby trip.

BLUE DUSTER

Trainer: David Loder The star of last year's ten to follow list, winning all four starts, including the group one Cheveley Park Stakes, and ending the season as the toprated two-year-old filly. Second favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, probably due to doubts about her staying a mile. However, Loder has no fears on that score and his confidence is shared by Mick Kinane, who rates the daughter of Danzig the best filly he has ridden. She travels well in a race and has a blistering

turn of foot.

2.10 Bold African

2.40 High Flown

BRIGAND

Trainer: David Loder

proven performers and promising

Loder's meteoric rise has been underpinned by a fine record with two-year-olds - a 44 per cent strike rate last year - and it will be a surprise if this Common Grounds colt does not register his share of victories. Owned by Sheikh Mohammed, he has already shown up well on the Newmarket gallops and is likely to make his debut at the Guineas meeting before possibly being aimed at Royal Ascot.

CAP JULUCA

Trainer: Roger Charlton

Unraced at two, he made up for lost time last year, winning five out of six races, including the Cambridgeshire, in which he carried a record weight to victory. There is more improvement to come and the four-year-old can make his mark in group company over 10 to 12 furlangs.

CELERIC

Trainer: David Morley Christopher Spence, the own-er-breeder, has enjoyed great success with the progeny of his mare, Hot Spice, and this Mtoto gelding could prove to be the best yet. Winner of four races last year, the four-yearold has wintered well and should oblige again in staying races when the ground is fast.

CHARNWOOD FOREST Trainer: Saeed bin Suroor

Now with Godolphin, the lightly raced Warning colt has bags of potential. Runner-up in group one company on the third of only four appearances, he has suffered more than his share of niggling setbacks but could develop into champion miler material.

4,10 EXPRESS GIFT (nap)

RIPON



Alhaarth represents the classic-winning team of Hern and Carson in the 2,000 Guineas

DE QUEST

Trainer: André Fabre

No list of horses to follow would be complete without a Fabre representative. Europe's foremost handler has high hopes for this four-year-old son of Rainbow Quest, who improved rapidly at the end of last season, including a clear-cut win at Longchamp. He could develop into a leading contender for the best middle-distance prizes.

3.40 GALPHAY CONDITIONS STAKES

(3-Y-D: £5,003: 1m 1i) (4 runners)

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Trainer: Henry Cecil

With Alhaarth, an uncertain stayer, only 5-2 for Derby, there is outstanding ante-post value to be had about the Epsom classic and none makes more appeal - at 33-1 than this son of Sadler's Wells. A half-brother to Commander In Chief, who won the 1993 Derby, he is bred for the part, highly regarded and has won his only start.

LADY CARLA Trainer: Henry Cecil

After losing the subsequent Oaks winner, Moonshell, to Godolphin last year. Cecil will be keen to win the fillies' classic this term and he has a prime candidate with this daughter of Caerleon, who cost 220,000 guineas as a yearling. She impressed when making a winning debut at Leicester last October and

could be particularly smart.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Wetherby

course and visitation water pro-ocean languartie in latest race). Soing on which horse has son (F — firm, good to firm, hard. 6 — good S — not, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rolar pics any allowance. The Times Provide Handicapper's rating. DF 18 00 Tino. 58 20 CSF 19 0 64
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4-50 Zm holle; 1, Striving Edge (R Gamtly, 4-1); 2, Centaur Express (9-4 hav); 3, Fair And Fancy (8-1) 6 ran 44, 71 Easterby Tote E5 10; E2 00, E1 40 OF 64 60 CSF, E12 70 5.20 (2m 4f 110 yd holle) 1, Purevelue (8 Harding, 5-4 tav, Thundrero's nap), 2, Pakiss (7-2), 3, Tweedswood (1-4) 12 ran MR. Bement Of Risk, 6, 111 M W Easterby. Tote E2 30, E7 70, E1 30, E2 60 DF E2 90. The E30 19 CSF E5 95.

Piecepot £17.60. Quadpot £14.90.

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RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BEST OF FRIENDS Next best: To The Roof (3.10 Ripon)

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POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS

BRAES OF DEPWENT (Transcell; Hunt 1, Justiongastre (S Bowden, 3-1) Confined.
1, Todorag (f Scott, 4-7). Open 1, Washelvie (J Waston, 4-6 fav), Loudies: 1, Fettle Up (Miss S Brotheron, 4-6 fav), Rest 1, in Demand (P Craggs, 4-5 fav). Open Mich: 1, Ruecastie (A Robson, 14-1) Open Mich: 1, Inucastie (A Robson, 14-1). CAST KENT (Aldington). Rest 1, Rolleston Blade (P But). 1-2 (av) Confined. 1, Burromanner (A Welsh, 2-1). Ladies 1. Topping-The-Bit (Mrs E Coverney, 1-2 (av). Open 1, Green's Van Goyen (T McCarthy. 13-8). Open Mohr. 1, High Burnshot (A Welsh, Evens (av). Members 1. Prince Zeus (T McCarthy, 2-5 (av) EGGESFORD (Bishopsleigh): Ladies. 1. Netral (Miss J Custings, 5-4). Confined: 1, Flame O'Firersi (Miss J Custings, 5-4). Confined: 1, Flame O'Firersi (Miss J Custings, 5-8). Twol. Rest. 1, M-Reg II, Jefford. Evens tav). Open: 1, Fearsome (R White, 3-1). Mdm: 1, Master (Nav. [1, Jefford, 5-2).

Master Kwn (I. Jefford, 5-2)
ESSC FARMERS & UNION (Marks Tey):
Open Mdn I 1, Brackenheath (T Bulgn, 2-1).
Open Mdn II 1, Brackenheath (T Bulgn, 2-1).
Open 1, Melton Park (N Boom, 6-4)
Ludles: 1, St Gregory (Mea A Plunkett, 1-3
lav). Confined. 1. Dream Facket (S R
Andrews, 5-4 law) Hunt: 1. Exclusive
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FOUR BURROW (Wadebndge), Hunt: 1, Baldhy, Chance (J. Young, 4-6 fay), Intermediate 1, Corrish Ways (Miss S. Young, 9-4), Open: 1, Little Coombe (J. Creighton, 5-4), Rest. 1, Roses in May (Miss S. Young, 11-6), Ludies: 1, Pher Too Touchy (Miss R Francs, 2-5 tay), Maliden: 1, Doyedon Phricess (D Stephers, 4-6 fay) 1, Dovedon Princess (U Stephens, 4-6 law)
NORTH COTSWOLD (Andoversiond)
Hunt 1. Wildrale (H Wheeler, 2-1)
Confined 1, Nether Goborns (E Williams,
6-4), Ladies 1, Di Stefano (Mcs A Dare, 14 law) Open-1, Coombosbury Lane (T
Stephenson, 6-1) Rest 1, Danbury Lad
(Miss A Dare, 4-6 tau) Mdn: 1, Saxon Lass
(A Marin, 3-1)

NORTH SHROPSHIRE (Eyton-On-Severn). Hunt: 1. Whatsfellow (A Crow. 4-6 tay). Mdn: 1, Whiters, Cottage (A Philips. 2-1). Open: 1, Chp'N'Run (J Comes, 4-5 tay). Ladles: 1. The Barren Arrato (Mrs M Bryan, 3-1) Rest: 1, Friary Lad (W Bryan, 5-2). Open Mdn: 1. Little By Little (R Bevis, 2-1 fay). Open Mdn: 11. Nothing Ventured (A Beedles, 6-4).

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OLD BERKSHIRE (Lockinge): Hunt 1.
The Holy Golfer (C Smyth, 9-4) Mch 1.
Tea Cee Kay (R Sweeting, 7-4 lav) Confined, 1. Transplant Bive (S Goodings, 6-4 lav) Mixed Open: 1. Wolf Winter (N Mixed Je 4 av) Mchr 1. Lochnwar Lord (D Banney, 11-4). Rest 1. Glenard (R Smth, 5-1); 2. Balance: 3. Maxilyan SOUTHDOWN & ERIDGE (Heathlield)
Hunt: 1. Glanavey (C H.J., 6-4). BFSS: 1.
Kates: Castle (J Van Praagh, 4-5 tsy).
Mixed Open. 1. Nethertaa (P Hacking, 1-3 (av). Rest: 1. Galarol (D Robinson, 6-4).
Intermediate: 1. Bardaros (P Hacking, 4-7 tsy). Open Maiden: 1, Saun (Miss C Eliot. 7-1).

7-1)
SOUTH NOTTS (Thorpe Lodge): Hunt 1,
Tweed Valley (E. Andrewes, 7-2). Confined 1, Good Team (D. Crissland, 5-2).
Open 1, The Point is (M. Hewitt, 4-7 (av.).
Ladles 1, Kambelda Pambler (Miss C.
Holliday, 4-6 (av.). Rest 1, Bare Fisted
(Miss H. Pricacchiea, 11-8 (av.). Open Midn
1, 1, Tempered Point (T. Lane, 7-2); 2.
Class Mao; 2, Boot-On, 9 ran. Open Midn
II; 1, Mysterous Run (Miss S. Samworth,
6-1).

POUTE A PRIMEDOMESTREE (Minteles)

6-1).

SOUTH PEMBROKESHIRE (Lvdstep)
Hunt 1, Ceder Square (J Jules, 6-4 lav)
Open Mdn 1 1, Pendil's Delight (D S
Jones, 7-2) Open Mdn It: 1, The Mill
Height (D S Jones, 6-4 lav) Open Mdn III.
1, Ayvarose (J Proc, 10-1), Open 1,
Touch 'N Pass (J Tude, 12-1), Ladies, 1,
Busman (Mass L Peace, 5-1), Hest 1, Gus
McCrae (Wes P Jones, 8-1), Intermediate 1, Kumada (V Hughes, 5-1)

STAINTONDALE (Charm Park) Hunt. 1, Here Comes Charles (A Pennock, 4-9 lav) Rest: 1, Tom The Tank (C Mushall, 3-1 play) Mixed Open: 3, Gospel Rock. (C Mushall, 3-1 play) Mixed Open: 3, Gospel Rock. (C Mushall, 3-1 play) Mixed: 1 Just Charle (D Easterby, 6-4) Midn: 1, Lyringo (M Sowersby, 7-1); 2, Morcat; 3, Yomoangel, 10 ran Midn: 1, Blackwoodscountry (C Mushall, 7-4 lav)
TAUNTON VALE (Kingston St Mary) Hunt: 1, Faithful Star (Mass S Victery, 1-3 lav). Confilined: 1. Crite's Cone (R Tretoggen, 4-6 lav) Open: 1, Still in Busness (T Mitchell, 2-5 lav). Ladles: 1. Lewesdon Hill (Miss S Cobden, 4-7 lav). Rest: 1, Strong Breeze (Mrs R Pocock, 4-1) Open Midn: 1, Seanawk Reinever (T Mitchell, 2-1 lav). VINE & CRAVEN (Hackwood Park): Hunt Mitchell 2-1 (av).
VINE & CRAVEN (Hactorood Park): Hunt1. Espy (A James, 4-7 fav) BFSS: 1. Mr Maylair (fi Irving, 4-1). Mixed Open. 1. Snowtin Chep († Underwood, 3-1). Open Mdn: 1. Vital Shot (Mrs R Baldwin, 5-1). Confirmed: 1., Odie Crescent (Ma) G Wheeler, 6-1). Rost. 1, Emily's Niece († Woolndge, 8-1)



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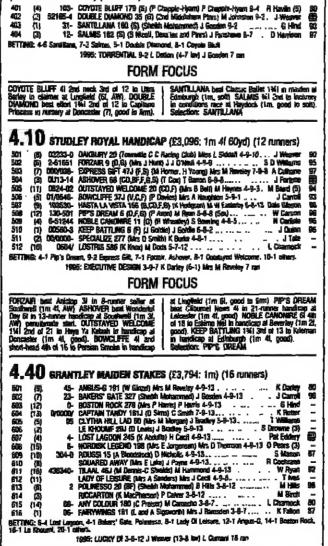
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Man from Minnesota could be about to capture his first major title

Lehman's broad shoulders ready for green jacket

BEN CRENSHAW and Tom Lehman are, respectively, the reigning Masters champion and the man who nearly won in 1994. Amid enough emotion to launch a ship on the nearby Savannah river, Crenshaw edged home by one stroke.

Having holed the winning putt, he bent so that his head was almost between his knees and cried while Carl Jackson. his caddie, put a consoling hand on his shoulder. This image has been shown on television dozens of times these past few days.

The previous year, Lehman might have slipped the famous green jacket around his beefy, working-man's shoulders. If, that is, a couple of his putts had gone in on Sunday afternoon and if José Maria Olazábal had not laid on one

scrambling of all time over the last 36 holes to snatch victory. As Olazábal, now in Spain, seeks a cure for the rheumatoid arthritis that he is suffering in his feet, Lehman is a quiet favourite to win the sixtieth Masters. Crenshaw has a golden

putter. Lehman an iron will. They are, in short, the wearer of the green jacket and a man worthy of wearing onc. Crenshaw is as much a part

of the Masters as Amen Corner is of Augusta National. Of the 500 golf books that Crenshaw has in his library. perhaps 50 are to do with Bobby Jones and Augusta. Julie Crenshaw, Ben's wife, says that 80 per cent of her husband's stories centre on Jones. Mementoes of Augusta dominate their house in Aus-

> championship. Fred Couples, who is seven months younger. has played in 48. Crenshaw, who is compet-ing in his 25th Masters, has finished eighth or higher at Augusta II times. Lehman's best finish in three visits was second in 1994.

When you tell Crenshaw

that you played golf at East

Lake, Jones's home club in Atlanta, his eyes light up. The

talk becomes animated. He

questions, but, significantly,

he listens, too. "You hear Ben

talk about Jones and you

realise Ben could tell you

everything about him," Brent

Buckman, Crenshaw's univer-

sity room-mate, said. "It's as if

Jones is his best friend. I think

Ben has patterned his actions

after Jones. It's almost as if he

However, there is no similar

link between Augusta Nat-

ional and Lehman. Indeed,

Lehman and major champion-

ships have come to be men-

tioned in the same breath only

recently, because Lehman is a

latecomer, who burst into

prominence two years ago and

competed in his first Ryder Cup last September. Lehman, 37 last month, is playing in

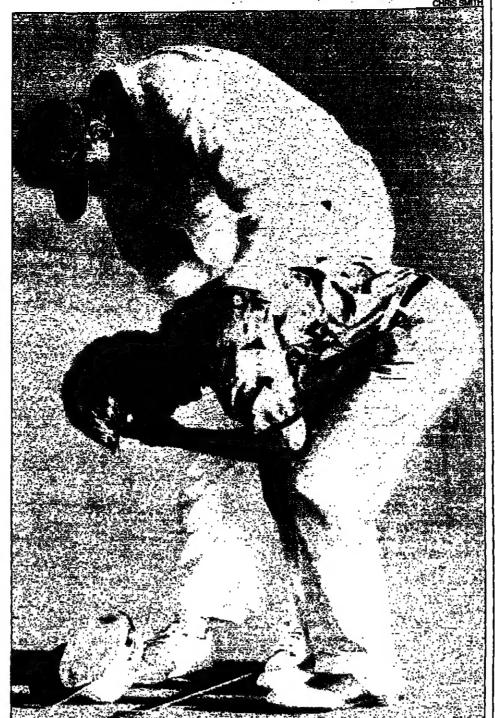
only his sixteenth major

knew Jones."

Crenshaw grew up at the Country Club of Austin, Texas, playing alongside Tom Kite. Lehman was born and grew up in Minnesota and could play golf only three months each year.

Crenshaw dedicated his victory last year to Harvey Penick, his teacher, who had died a week previously. Penick was a small, shrivelled man with an abundance of homespun golfing wisdom, much of which appeared in a series of books.

"The woods are full of long drivers," was one of Penick's aphorisms. "If you have a bad grip, you don't want a good swing," was another. "As for your grip pressure, keep it light. Arnold Palmer grips the club tight, but you're not Arnold Palmer," was a third,



Crenshaw, successful in 1995, was overcome by emotion after sinking the final putt

and "golf has probably kept more people sane than psychiatrists have," a fourth. Lehman had no such guru.

While Crenshaw was a leading light on the US PGA circuit, Lehman was striving might and main to get on to it. He had to attend the qualifying school II times before making it in his home country. While he was struggling, he played in Asia. "You can't afford to let a shot slip away over there," he said, "because

you don't want to have to sit in

Taipei for a week with nothing

In the Ryder Cup last year. Lehman won two points out of possible three, defeating Severiano Ballesteros on the 15th green. Crenshaw was beaten in foursomes, fourballs and his singles.

Crenshaw, 44, may never win another major championship. The fires have been dampened by age, his young family and the pressure on him to stop and say "Hi" to everyone, a pressure that he almost always accedes to. It does not matter. He already has two Masters titles to his name, one of 13 men to win

Lehman's career has reached no such level of success. He has won only twice as a professional in the United States, but he has finished in the top ten in each of the past six events that he has entered

more than once.

Crenshaw's time was 1995, Lehman's could be 1996. He would say amen to that.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Nick-off 7,30 unless stated Endsleigh Insurance League First division Milwall v Birmingham (7 45) Bell's Scottish League

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BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Middand di-vision: Evesham v Solihult; R C Werwick v Pleddich: Southern division: Poole v Troviondge Dr Marten's Cap: Semi-finel, second leg: Selsbury v Belddock. UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Marine v Hyde Postpornett Boston v Gussley First division: Bradford Park Avenue v Congleton President's Cup: Semi-firett: First leg: Bamber Bridge v Worksop Second leg: Bamber Bridge v Worksop

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Premier division: Goole v Brog Town, WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Dartford v Canterbury; Feversham

v Furness.
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RUGBY UNION Courage Clubs Championship Gloucester v Bath (7.45) WILLIS CORRON HIBERNIA CUP: Royal Navy v RAF (at Twickenham, 30).

OTHER SPORT SPEEDWAY (7:30); World championship: British semi-tinels (Poole) Premier League: Hull v Coventry: Long Eulon v Edinburgh.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

(c) So the citadel of Carthage was called. The tale is that when Dido came to Africa she brought from the natives "as much land as could be encompassed by a bull's hide". The agreement was made, and Dido cut the hide into thongs so as to enclose a space sufficient for a citadel.

(b) In medieval Italy the rival factions of Guelphs and Chibellines occupy most of the political history of the period with their quarrels. The Guelph were the papal and popular party, the Ghibellines, the imperial and aristocratic party. Both names are derived (absurdly) from rival German factions of the 12th century. Ghibelline is an Italian attempt at Waiblingen, a small town in Württemberg, used as a warcry by the followers of Emperor Conrad III.

(c) French for "The Maid". So, the Maid of Orleans, Joan of Arc. Chapelain and Voltaire wrote a poem called La Pucelle, La Pucelle d'Orléans was canonised in 1920 as the second patron of France but as such is not recognised by the State. There has been no official patron saint of France since the separation of Church and State in 1905.

(a) A sculptured figure of a youth or maiden bearing a basket on the head. In ancient Athens the canephori bore the sacred things necessary at the feasts of the gods.

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RADIO CHOICE

The romantic * pathfinder

A Little Scandal is an Excellent Thing. Radio 4, 8.05pm.

"It is impossible not to laugh at her, it is equally impossible not to read her." So wrote G.K. Chesterton, about Ouida. She was a 19th-read her." So wrote G.K. Chesterton, about Ouida. She was a 19th-century Barbara Cartland, author of bodice-rippers, pathfinder for century Barbara Cartland, author of bodice-rippers, pathfinder for century about Ouida Mills and Boon. Chrys Salt's drama-documentary about Ouida's soon (accurately overplayed by Cheryl Campbell) begins shrilly, but soon (accurately overplayed by Cheryl Campbell) begins shrilly, but soon (accurately overplayed by Cheryl Campbell) begins shrilly, but soon (accurately overplayed by Cheryl Campbell) begins shrilly, but soon (accurately overplayed by Cheryl Campbell) begins shrilly. She soon (accurately salt) and the soon (accurately overplayed by Cheryl Campbell) begins shrilly. In narration, settles down to something that is kinder on the ears. Salt's narration, spoken by Denys Hawthorne, is as overwrought as Ouida's prose. The peacock of her imagination struggled in its cage" is the sort of thing I mean. Ouida's tombstone bore the inscription "Writer of thing I mean. Ouida's tombstone bore the inscription "Writer of thing I mean. Ouida's tombstone bore the inscription "Writer of thing I mean. Ouida's tombstone bore the inscription "Writer of thing I mean. Ouida's tombstone bore the inscription "Writer of thing I mean. Ouida's tombstone bore the inscription "Writer of thing I mean. Ouida's tombstone bore the inscription "Writer of thing I mean. Ouida's tombstone bore the inscription "Writer of thing I mean. Ouida's tombstone bore the inscription "Writer of thing I mean. Ouida's tombstone bore the inscription "Writer of thing I mean. Ouida's tombstone bore the inscription of the peacock o

Seymour, the Fractal Cat. Radio 4, 11.00pm.

I was waiting for it to happen, and it happens tonight on Radio 4. I am only surprised that it took so long for someone on radio to think up a story about an all-thinking, indepedently-motivated componer; up a story about an all-thinking, indepedently-motivated componer; computer (John Hegley) can talk, too; and so can its owner's ginger computer (John Hegley) can talk, too; and so can its owner's ginger computer (John thegley) can talk, too; and so can its owner's ginger computer (John thegley) can talk, too; and so can its owner's ginger computer (John the staken for granted. I am not particularly computer-literate, but even I got the message that Seymour's master (Paul Bown) is in for some very nasty technological skulduggery in the weeks ahead. skulduggery in the weeks ahead.

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, Eroica); Rubinstein (Celto Sonata No 1 in D); Mozar Horn Quintet in E flat. K 4071 Composer of the Weelc Muffat. Suite No 3 in A minor: Illusters Primitae; Sonata per violino e basso; Sonata No 3 12.00 Ca

> pm Birmingham Lunchtim Concert, live from Studio One, Pebble Mill. Elizabeth Nicholson, harosichord,

2.00 Double Your Choice. Includes Ireland (April); Telemann (Overture-Suite in D ior trumpet and strings); Nielson (Springtime on

Feunen)

5.15 in Tune with Jeremy Nicholas. Gluck (Che fiero momento, Orleo ed Euridice) Haydn (Piano Trio in Emiror,

6.00 BBC Rush Hour Concert, live from the Wigmore Hall in London. Emma Johnson and Friends introduced by Fiona

Takington. Schubert (Octet in F. D 803)
7.00 Cocktails. The second of five sequences of dance music from 1920-1945 (r)
7.30 BISC National Orchestra of Wales, under Tadaski Otaka with Paul Walkins, cello.

Lake, excerpts); Scriabin (The Poem of Ecstasy) 9.10 Beharecen Heaven and Hell, with Michael Kustow, Janet

Suzman and Ben Kingsley 9.36 For Children. Bartok (For Children, excerpts); Schumann (Album for the mezzo. Graeme McNauxini

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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

welcome cup of tea, Mavis and Gladys are interrupted by

Physics at the Open University, examines Charles Darwin's theory of evolution,

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Mark Easton
12.25pm Maugham's Eye View.
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Somerset Maugham's short stones narrated by Dirk Bogarde. Kathleen thinks her sister Millicent is hiding controlling shout her something about her husband's death 12.55

Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; London Particulars.

The first of a two-part
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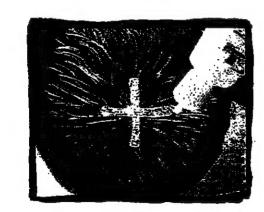
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final part of Colin Swash's comedy, starring Tony Robinson, David Halg and

Louise Lombard (r) 12.00 News incl 12.27em Weathe 12.30 The Late Book, Devil in a Blue Dress, by Water Mosley (8/10) 12.48 Shippin 1.00 As World Service

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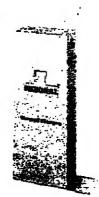
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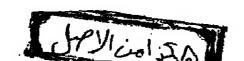
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sentiment does not dawdle

schedules. Anyone tuning in to An Obsession with ... Rabbits last

night on BBC2 may have been

somewhat surprised to see the

Easter bunny variously shot, skinned, hunted, gassed, and final-ly choked in a Perspex collin for

medical research. I was surprised

myself; but then I'm simple. I had

expected lots of little pink noses twitching cutely to camera; plus

endless shots of that curious

bouncy locomotion, perhaps ob-served romanically by mounlight,

Bright Eyes, la la, burning like

fire. "Yes, you can stay up to watch the rabbits, darling." mummies assured their clamouring young-

sters. But afterwards, the nightly bedtime reading of Little Grev Rabbit was curiously marred by

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"The Hunter", "The Warreners" and "The Medical Researcher" -all of whom, interestingly, were men. No effort had been made to blur the gender divide here. Only "The Fancier" (a woman) actually wanted to scratch ears and cuddle. With her on the dally female side were "The Spinner" and "The Zoulogist". I don't know which gender

should resent this stereotyping more, but I was reminded of The Misfits, when Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe wrestle with a shotgun in the desert morning sun. Gable wants to shoot the rabbits who've eaten his lettuce; Monroe, tearful in jeans, insists that they are all petals in God's daisy chain. Most articulate last night was the medical researcher, whom

God had clearly intended for poli-

Caught on the hop by change of sentiment remove all its fur in one go. There is more than one kind of plausibility, that his rabbits were obsession, of course, Last night, killing or harming rabbits was the life and breath of The Farmer", "heroes", whose lives served a higher purpose. Mm. An Obsession with ... Rabbits was one of those stylish snapshot films with no commentary, enjoyable and light, in an occasional series which would normally deal with sheds or balloons or something. Taking an animal as the subject took it dangerously near real, big issues issues that, as Anthony Thomas's Man and Animal (IIV) recently pointed out, are dividing people and cultures increasingly.

> t was a funny old night. I can't pretend I was inspired. How-Lever, the second episode of Cardiae Arrest (BBCI) was a humdinger. Not having followed this drama very closely in the past, I can't tell you when it made the transition from video to film, but I'm sure Casualty is kicking itself. When Casualty attempted the

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great leap forward a couple of years ago, it was forced to leap back again; succumbing to public pressure, it apologetically reversed the process. Apparently audiences were bereft when they no longer saw the old familiar flat, soanish picture quality. They didn't want Casualty in get above itself. They liked the leaden editing. They wanted to be able to count the freckles on Charlie's arms.

But Cardiac Arrest has other tricks up its sleeve, besides the lighting, and besides the notorious sick humour, which initially seemed gratuitous but now seems naturalistic. Narrative surprise, for example, is something Casualit has long since swished a cubicle curtain across. Also youth, energy, ambition. If the key image of Casualn is a lumpen Charlie rolling his eyes, the key images of Cardiac Arrest are young, callous medies with sharp little faces and glossy skin, some of them with rollerskates. Casualty is all pas-

Cardine Arrest just says, rather aggressively, "What?" Last night's main medical story involved the removal of a tumour, and a false reassurance of tragic proportions. It also involved the inept insertion of so much tube into a stomach that it knotted and could not be pulled back. In the

sive and reactive: if it could speak,

it would say, "Oh, what now?"

end, it had to be removed surgically. "If this is how you treat overdoses, I shan't do it again," complained the patient, tartly, "Good," said her doctor, reasonably.

From apathy to empathy; BBC2's impressive Straight I from the Heart ended its run with another interesting clutch of true-life stories, told direct to camera. The theme was "forbidden love", and in each case romance had certainly conquered adverse conditions to a remarkable degree - sometimes making you wonder whether these people actually had brains to think with. On occupied Guernsey in 1940, Dolly fell in love with Willi, a German. In Belfast, Catholic Chris dated Harry, a soldier. In Brazil, immigration officer Mark met Ander, brought him home, and then criminally stamped his passport "Indefinite leave to remain", The message was that you can't

choose who you fall in love with. Although these people had chosen, of course. That was their problem.

The delicacy of Straight from the Heart was exemplary; it gave you the story yet left the person dignity to walk away with. Perhaps the story-tellers had been given a crash course in camera technique - which would be only fair. Anyway, their stories were treated with such unquestioning sympathy that it took a real imaginative effort last night to ask whether stupidity had played even a small part in their plight. Incidentally, the film passed quietly over a worrying detail in the Mark-and-Ander story, too, when Mark spent three months in a top security prison. Top security? Presumably, the courts have met his sort before: the sort of mildmannered, gay civil servant who breaks out and spreads panic in the streets, equipped with a lethal ink pad, and a little rubber stamp.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (10294) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceclax) (41565) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Cectax) ... (7019316)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook. Two hopeless cooks are persuaded to prepare something edible (s) (7179478)

9.45 Kilroy. Topical discussion series (s) (1222671) 10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (5)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6923381) 12.05pm Room for improvement, includes tops on energy conservation and erecting a tence (s)

12.35 Going for Gold. Outz show with the urbane Henry Kelly (s) (3934229) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceetax) and weather (44652) 1.30 Regional News (94503125) 1.40 Neighbours (Castax)

(s) (44778590) 2,00 Snowy River — the McGregor Sage with Andrew Clarke. Adventure and romance set in early 20th-century

Australia (r) (s) (94881) 3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (1744584) 3.50 The Silver Brumby (s) (1748300) 4.15 Funnybones (r) (s) (5598229) 4.20 Jonny Briggs (r) (Ceelax) (6653749) 4.35 Rugrats (r) (Ceelax) (s) (9533381) 5.00 Newsround (Ceelax) (1119132) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceelax) (s) (1242836)

5.35 Neighbours. Mariene enjoys Colin's country attentions; while Danni pours oil on troubled waters (Ceefax) (s) (274720) 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines (213) ew.00 Relatively. Speaking. Gordon Burns. hosts the game show for players from three generations (Ceelax) (s) (1671) 7.30 Here and Now. Reports and news

factures presented by Sue Lawley (Ceafex) (497) 8.80 Hearts of Gold. Esther Rantzen and

McKenna (Ceelax) (s) (517565) 8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson (Ceelad (s) (744045) (Ceetax) Regional news and weather

9.30 Rough Justice: Who Kitled Carl Bridgewater? (Ceeisx) (a) (700855)

10.20 Sportsnight introduced by Tony Gubba, with Trevor Brooking, Golf: a preview of the US Masters, which begins tomorrow in Augusta, Georgia; Greyhound racing: coverage from Wallhamstow of the BBCTV Greyhound Trophy; Olympic

countdown to Atlanta (s) (3451294) 11.30 FiLM: True Confessions (1981) starring Robert De Nito, Robert Duvalli, Charle Durning, Ed Flanders and Burgess Meredith. Tough drama. A priest with principled policemen, are driven apart when the priest is implicated in a cover-up after the murder of a prostitute. Directed by Ulu Grosbard (s) (685403)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Community Programmes Season — a Sense of Self. Learning for Alt Children First (7770126) 6.25 An Introduction to Psychology (7855861) 6.50 Zimbabwe (8839403) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceetax) and

signing) (4850126) 7.30 Christopher Crocodile (r) (a) (7496294) 7.35 Postman Pat (r) (9759229) 7.50 Peter Pan and the Pirates (r) (Ceelax) (s) (4823855) 8.15 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (Ceelax) (7978749) 8.35 The Lowdown (Ceefax) (a) (5506313)

9.05 Mighty Max (s) (7016229) 9.25 F.O.T. (s) (7393749) 10.00 Playdays (s) (6097687) 10.25 Star Trek (r) (4229584) 10.50 The Tick (s) (1197836) 11.10 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (r) (8958381)

12.00 Great Crimes and Triels of the 20th Century (59872) 12.30pm Working Lunch (33403) 1.00 Postman Pat (r) 1.15 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (3/5) (r) (s) (777861) 2.15 The Andrew Neil Show (5) (7479923)

3.00 News (Ceetax) and weather (7807126) 3.05 Golf — the US Masters 1995 (s) (7953861) 3.55 News (Ceetax) and weather (2027300)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (126) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (710) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceelax) (s) (1834367) 5.40 A Week to Remember (186869) 5.50 More Secret Gardens. Thorp Perrow.

Bedale, North Yorkshire (173395) 6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (Ceefax) (s) (649497) 6.45 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. (1/2) (r) (850316)

7.30 East: Takeaways on Wheels, Sahera Chohan reports from Pakistan, a prime destination for stolen four-wheel-drive vehicles from Britain (Ceelax) (s) (869) 8.00 University Challenge. Imperial College v Exeter University, chaired by Jeremy Pagman (Ceelax) (s) (1861)

8,30 Home Front. The nome improvement cassful Shaker siyle and a report from the Shaker Museum in Bath. Pus tips on painting a wooden floor (Ceetax) (s)



Frances and Rebecca (9.00pm)

9,00 Modern Times: Fla (Ceefex) (a) (716855) 9.50 A Man's World: The Soldier. This excellent oreil history series concludes by looking at the experiences of soldiers in 10.30 Newsnight (Ceelax) (355749)

11.15 Murder One: Chapter Six. Legal drama series following a single high-profile case (r) (Ceefax) (s) (439300) 12.05am Screen Firsts: The Key (1788343) 12.30 -6.00 The Learning Zone (77701)

Modern Times: Flatmates BBC2, 9.00pm

In Islington three Cambridge graduates want two women to balance their masculinity in a "luxury period flur". In Fulham two women are in search of a man. preferably one who looks good in a towel. And three female evangelists, having prayed to Jesus before framing the ad, are seeking another young Christian to share their house in south London, Lucy Blakstad, who made Lido and Weekenders, is a film-maker with a sharp-eye for the minutize of everyday behaviour. She shows how recruiting a suitable flatmate can often come down to the small, irritating things, such as whether, in a mixed household, the men will always leave the lavatory seat down. The only pity is that the film stops just when the final decisions are being made. But it leaves Blakstad with a winderful chance for a follow-up.

Bodyguards

"I wouldn't have it if it came with the freehold on New Scotland Yard," declares John Shrapnel's Commander MacIntyre, as he is offered the job of heading a crack new VIP protection team. Two seconds later he has started work. It is that sort of show and that sort of script. Bodyguards is the creation of Jeffrey Caine, whose other credits include the latest Bond film and The Chief. Rarely for a police series, The Chief broke new ground. Bodyguards goes over very old ground, harking back to those action adventure series that seemed to dominate the ITM schedules about \$5 pages one. The first ITV schedules about 25 years ago. The first big test for Shrapnel's bodyguards, who include Louise Lombard and Sean Pertwee, is to protect rival African leaders in Britain for a conference. Be prepared for bombs, car blaces and child for included. chases and shifty foreigners.

Dispatches: Murder in St James's Channel 4, 9.00pm

Twelve years after the death of the policewoman Yvonne Fletcher during a demonstration outside the Libyan Embassy in London, Dispatches challenges the official version of events and suggests a startling new one. The inquest jury found that WP Fletcher was killed by a bullet fired from the first floor of the embassy. The episode severely poisoned Anglo-Libyan relations and helped to win British support for President Reagan's bombing of Tripoli. But Joe Layburn's report goes back over the forensic evidence and suggests that the fatal bullet came not from the embassy but from another building. Backed by expert opinion, the argument seems plausible. As to who did fire the bullet, the programme has an ingenious, if speculative, theory that seems so unlikely it could well be true.

Rough Justice: Who Killed Carl BBC1. 9.30pm

It is 18 years since the paperboy Carl Bridgewater was shot dead at Yew Tree Farm in the West Midlands, but the case will not go away. To supporters of the four men convicted of the murder, it represents a colossal miscarriage of justice. Central to the conviction was a confession by one of the men. Patrick Molloy, who died in prison in 1981. Rough Justice adds its voice to those who claim that the confession was drafted by the police and signed by Molloy out of lear. The programme also says that forensic evidence has come to light which should have been disclosed at the trial. In addition, there is an interview with Hubert Spencer, an early suspect in the case. The Home Secretary has declined to send the case back to the Court of Appeal. Rough Justice urges him to reconsider. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (9603872) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (5) (7187497) 9.55 Regional News (Telerari) (6901836) 10.00 Batman — the Animated Series (si (6911213) **10.25 Cartoon** (1726687)

10,35 FILM: ! Still Dream of Jeannie : 1991 Cornedy with Earbara Eden repeating her television role as a genie (s) (44487223) 12.20pm HTV News (Teletext) (6921565)

12.30 News and weather (Teletert) (3857136) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (3938045) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (5161687)

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3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) 3.40 The Wind in the Willows (Part 1 of 3) An animaled version, first shown less Christmas Beautifully drawn, brilliantly voiced Continues tomorrow (r) (Teletext) (s) (9779756) 4.10 Cartoon (6752251) 4.20 How 2 (r) (6662497) 4.40 Spelibinder (Teletext) (5596861)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (9876818) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (723671) 6.00 Home and Away (i) (Teletext) (s)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (438478)

7.00 Wish You Ware Here..? Judith Chalmers visits Egypt (Teletext) (s) (3039) 7.30 Coronation Street. Kevin finds out the identity of his new boss (Teletext) (565) 8.00 All You Need is Love. Anthea Turner the Effel Tower to propose (1359)



Lombard and Pertwee (9.00pm)

9.00 Bodyguards. Action drama involving competing intelligence services, with Louise Lombard, Sean Pertwee, John Shrapnel (Teleteral) (s) (7565)

10.00 News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (54367)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (669519) 10.40 FILM: Donato and Daughter (1993) staring Charles Bronson, Dana Delany and Xander Berkley. A father and daughter in the Los Angeles Police Department find themselves partnered in the hunt for a senal killer. Directed by Rod Holcomb (Teletext) (s) (28369519)

12.25am God's Gift (5523879) 1.25 Dear Nick (8395898) 2.25 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (2083546) 2.55 Murder, She Wrote (r) (3700169)

3.45 Music Box Profile (11978071)

4.05 Coach (s) (40535508) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (57275) 5.00 Cover Story (s) (92850)

5.30 Morning News (27459)

As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (438478)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.25-12.30 My Story (6939584)

12.55 Coronation Street (3938045) 1.25-1.55 Chain Letters Word game with 23sh prizes, presented by Vince Honderson (79281381)

1.55 Home and Away (68398836) 2.25 Vanessa Studio discussion series, chated by Vanessa Feltz (54704039)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (5610836) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9876818) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (32720)

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2.20 Vanessa (54705768) 2.50-3.20 Our House, Lifestyle magazine presented by Suzi Baker, Includes a couple who quit the London rat-race for a

hite of tranquility in a Georgian house in Shropshire and a man who lives in a railway bridge (4115861) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9876818) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather

(438478)2.30am The Good Sex Guide ... Late (4124169)

3.25 Jones and Jury. A woman eight-months pregnant sues her former lover and his new guiltriend for harassment and emotional stress (21655275)

3.45 Jobfinder (737072) 5.20 Asian Eye (1284614)

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6.00 Meridian Tonight (229) 6.30-7.00 Doing It Up (381) 5.00em Freescreen (92850)

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1.55 A Mail Bride A musical short starring Ruth Etting (44693855)

2.15 FILM: The Private Life of Henry VIII
(1933, b/w) with Charles Laughton,
Robert Donat and Elsa Lanchester.
Biographical drama directed by
Alexander Korda (Teletext) (303590)

4.00 Jimmy's (r) (Teletext) (s) (294) 4.30 Rifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (478) 5.00 Ricki Lake (Teletext) (s) (9107377) 5.45 Terrytoons (177958) 6.00 Blossom. Los Angeles-based cornedy (r) (Teletext) (s) (278107)

6.25 Home Improvement. Al becomes the temporary host for a cookery show (Teletext) (s) (286126)

6.55 Terrytoons (602382) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (652861) 7.55 The Slot(806584)

8.00 Brookside. As Max faces conviction, Eddie and Rose tace eviction (Teletext) (s) (3229) 8.30 Lonely Planet. Ian Wright explores the

former military dictatorship of Chile. (Teletext) (s) (9836)

9.00 Dispatches. A re-circumstances surrounding the shooting of WPC Yvonne Fletcher outside the

Libyan Embassy in London 12 years ago (Teletext) (5107) *******

10.00 ER. The emergency room is _full of women waiting to give birth. (Teletext) (s) (8294)

applies for the chet's position at a swanky high on exotic substances when he tries him (r) (Teletext) (s) (2381) 11.30 Cheers. Diane and Sam agree to a

hedonistic 24-hour separation in order to



12.00 Nightsports. An all-night live sports reginsports. All all right live sports series presented by Gary Imfach. Over six hours, Gary will be linking some of the world's best sport with his own insight, humour and knowledge. Tonight's top action is NBA basketball, in which the Phoenix Suns travel to Utah Jazz (s)

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10.49 Jacopards (2671129) 11.19 Jacob Jessy Raphael (9452958) 12.00 Beachy (94584) 1,00pm Hotel (76132) 2.00 Gerado (54519) 3.00 Court TV (9478) 3.30 Oprah Wintey (580774) 4.15 Undan (5881923) 5.00 Siza Trek (6968) 6.00 The Simpsons (7749) 6.30 Jacopard (4229) 7.00 LAPD (7687 7.30 M*A*S*H (4823) 8.00 Siza Above and Beviond (13687) 4.00 Sizaca Above and Beviond (13687)

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THE DISNEY CHANNEL

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Rugby union lurches closer towards split

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) flung down the gauntlet to its senior clubs yesterday. In a display of controlled leadership likely to win considerable sympathy from the sport's rank and file, the union asserted its right as a governing body to control the game in

England.
It did so by confirming that the Courage Clubs Championship next season will have a first division of ten clubs, with relegation for the bottom two this season; that the top four will play European rugby and the remainder in an Anglo-Welsh tournament: that the second division will comprise 14 clubs and the third division 16 clubs. That goes against the clubs' desire for a 12-club first division next season and no relegation at the end of this month - and means that West Hartlepool will go down and

another club will join them.
At the same time, the RFU wants to strengthen the English game by introducing a competition for nationals only. Divisional teams of Englishqualified players will take on Argentina, a junior South African team and Queensland next autumn. The clubs, however, insist that this programme will leave them bereft of rugby and income for nearly two months, and will lead to bankruptcy.

The RFU's proposals have left their leading clubs, those which form English Professional Clubs Limited (EPRUC), cast as a potential breakaway movement. The first division clubs meet in London tomorrow to consider

The sticking point is control of the game, the RFU believes itself as an organisational body subservient to the International Rugby Football Board, but virtually equal to the union itself with responsibility for the professional side of the English game. The RFU, defending the principle of a seamless sport, will have no truck with that.

Point by point, it has rebut-ted a dozen draft proposals that the clubs deem vital to their continued good health, and informed Donald Kerr, the chairman of EPRUC, that the clubs' proposed management structure is unacceptable. Instead, the RFU, which has accused the clubs of protectionism, offers a new structure under the union's umbrella that will incorporate a management board equipped to deal with the day-to-day affairs of the leading clubs.

THE DECISIONS

The RFU will: Negotiate TV rights and sponsorship.
 Control the flow of new money to the

Introduce a new divisional com-petition involving overseas sides.

The money is not present in the game to justify the professional organisation which some people envisage," Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the RFU executive committee, said at Twickenham. "It might happen in three to five years' time, but it's not viable now and many clubs know it. We are not talking real money at the moment. Each dub must take its own business decisions and we will do all we can to help them through this

Malcolm Philips, who successfully chaired the union's working party with the England squad to make the most of their earning power, was

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ing. "The last thing we want is another club breakway," he said. "Neither the clubs nor the union has the money to do what we want to do to fund an open game.

People are making promises they can't keep. Players will suffer, some clubs will go bust. We will grow into the open game but we, as a union, will control the game. We don't want to be just another professional sport, we want to retain the special ethos which still exists and, by keeping central control, we can go forward. The RFU is wary of compar

isons with football drawn by Sir John Hall, the chairman of Newcastle United's Sporting Clubs. Only last week. Sir John said that international rugby would become an addon" to high-profile club rugby. Don Rutherford, the union's technical director, riposted by saying that the England rugby team was among the world's top four while tits football counterpart languishes in the mid-20s, a point weakened by the limited quality of international opposition in rugby

Brittle said: "The manage ment structure we have of-fered the clubs is light years away from anything the RFU has offered them in the past. The ideal solution would be for EPRUC to say they are willing to sit down and discuss the sensible structure we have put before them."

That seems far from likely. The clubs, which have put out feelers towards the southern hemisphere and hope to negotiate their own television contracts, believe themselves to be blue sea.

"We are very disappointed," Kerr said. "I hope by Thurs-day we will know exactly what the RFU has said and we will give a measured response." A rift, which rugby union has avoided since that with the northern clubs a century ago. is looming.

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Nicorette Grand Mistral, the new boat of Ingvall, from Sweden, performed impressively during a short race on the Hamble yesterday

Grand Mistral plans blown off course

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS hard to know whether to celebrate the arrival of Nicorette Grand Mistral, Ludde Ingvall's new boat, on the Hamble yesterday or regret its very existence. Ingvall, the round the world skipper from Sweden, had brought it over from Marseilles to show off to the British press, no doubt partly in a bid to increase support for the apparently-doomed Grand Mistral Race.

Bruce Farr, is an impressive looking beast. It is capable of an exciting performance — 20 knots in 28 knots of wind and showed good speed yes-terday in light conditions against Ingvall's old minimaxi, which romped away with the Fastnet Race last

Yet it looks more and more as though the new boat has

been built for a race that will never happen. The Grand Mistral is supposed to start this September from Marseilles. The idea was to blend the Whitbread and BT Global Challenge concepts by offer-ing syndicates completed onedesign yachts ready to race round the world in a test of pure sailing skill, rather than of the ability of designers or

the size of budgets. Pierre Fehlmann, the veteran off-shore racing yachtsman from France, who came up with the idea, hoped that to a cheaper and more easily understood race, but he has been proved wrong.

With just five months to go to the start, only three syndicates have definitely signed up, one of which is Ingvall's Nicorette team; the other two are Grant Dalton (Merit Cup) and Marc Pajot (Marseille Provence). Ingvall is thus in the faintly ridiculous position

of training a crew and tuning a boat that he is unlikely ever to race in the event for which it was built. However, this is not his problem.

Pharmacia and Upjohn, who make Nicorette anti-



yacht up to the time when the race was supposed to have finished, but Fehlmann has agreed to pay it back if the event does not get off the ground. Ingvall thus gets a new yacht to campaign with virtually for free. Yesterday, he said that he

the agreed charter fee for the

still believes that the Grand Mistral will happen, but he is not sure when. He said that there must be at least eight boats at the start to make it a worthwhile contest, which, at present, is out of the question, Fehlmann's nightmare could be to run the Mistral maxis as a separate class in the next Whitbread, in 18

months' time. "At some stage, administra-tors in the UK and elsewhere have to start doing what's best ion the sport; they have to serve the sport," he said in comments possibly directed at the Whitbread organisers. world events in parallel is not a good formula for the sport." Apart from the difficulties facing Fehlmann, who may end up with eight one-design maxis with no race to run, them in, the likely failure of

the Mistral project may not be

unequivocally good news for

the Whitbread. In its early optimistic months, the Mistral distract ed a number of the top skippers and sponsors, and has directed three into what now looks like a cul-de-sat. As one guest on board Ingvall's boat put it: "The great pity is that we may end up with two half-cock races - the Grand Mistral took people's eye of

the ball." There was good news, how-ever, for the Whitbread yesterday with the announcement of a second, apparently-confirmed, entry in the race. The Russia 300 syndicate will be skippered by Eugene Platon.

Busst will fight for career

avid Busst, the Coven-try City defender whose right leg was so dramatically broken in front of 50,332 spectators at Old Trafford on Monday, lies in hope in more ways than

He is in Hope Hospital, in Manchester, where the fracture has been stabilised but will not be reset until next week at the earliest; and, of course, he is in hope that, when the surgeons have done their best, when the predicted year of rehabilitation and committed work from him and all around him at Coventry are through, he will put together his broken career.

It is this marriage of medical science and sport that presents a footballer with his greatest fear. Busst came into the full-time game late. He is almost 29, married with a young daughter, and he joined Coventry City from non-League Moor Green in January 1992. "I feel sorry. sometimes, for young players coming straight into the game from school," he said then. "It's the only life they know, yet it could be snatched away by injury, and they then have to try to find some other employment. I had eight years in business, and that will

stand me in good stead." Insurance was Busst's business and he will surely not have been lax in joining the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) voluntary accident insurance scheme that allows players to pay a premium of one per cent of total cover — for £100,000 worth of

cover the premium is £1,000. The PFA paid out more than £8 million to members between 1980 and 1995, all too often having to calculate the non-contributory payments, based on service and earnings. While the tackle by John

Rob Hughes says the stricken Coventry defender is assured of top class remedial treatment

broke the Harkness, of Liverpool, last Saturday, did bring recriminations because it was late and high, mostly, the injuries arise from pure accidents, like the one involving Busst and Denis

compensation, the trauma of that scene in Manchester will haunt those who think and care about sport. Busst was at least fortunate



Busst: late entrant

Schmeichel in distress

PETER SCHMEICHEL, the Manchester United goalkeeper,

was so badly affected by David Busst's injury that he received

counselling after the match, according to David Fevre, the

Peter was very upset and he received some counselling from

Manchester United physiotherapist (David Maddock writes).

the doctor after the match," Fevre said. "He was very close when

it happened. The doctor talked to him afterwards, to try to put it

in perspective. It can be a real trauma, not just for the injured

player but for others too." Fevre, who visited Busst in hospital

yesterday, said that he was in good spirits. "He was pleased and

surprised by the flowers and cards that he had received from

United supporters, as well as our own," Fevre said.

fell, both the players around him and, particularly, the physiotherapist who was first to lay hands on him, knew exactly what they were doing.

Dion Dublin, his own captain, had broken a leg, and lost some of the lustre from his career, while he was a Manchester United player. George Dalton, the physiotherapist, also knew the feeling. He had to retire at 27 after twice breaking a leg, first at Newcastle United and then with Brighton and Hove Albion.

Dalton, in his first years as a qualified physiotherapist with Birmingham City, saved the career of the fledgling Trevor Francis. In that case, there was a hidden injury, a snapped tendon behind the knee and, while even specialists had differed on the need for surgery or rest, it was Dalton's perseverance that ensured that Francis would not be risked until surgical exploration had been carried out.

Dalton, having spent Mon-day night with Busst, said yesterday that he had seen

only once in his career such an obviously compounded injury. He followed the basic rule:

'Do no further harm". There were two doctors on the scene, but, as Dalton said: "Normally it comes down to the physio. The job was to get Dave onto the stretcher without twisting him."

Dalton then had to make judgments in a matter of seconds that would have taxed an orthopaedic specialist. He had to organise the lifting of Busst on to the stretcher with as much speed and compas-

sion as possible. Once in the hands of Raymond Ross, the orthopaedic consultant, the extent of the injury, more consistent with a motorcycle accident than a sporting injury, was such that he could only use an external fixature, hope to stabilise the break and fix it with a nail before surgery to set the bone

next week. He will then hand Busst over to John Aldridge, the Coventry consultant, who is well known to sportsmen and women across many disciplines. So, the player is in the best possible hands, but, ultimately, his career ~ if indeed it can be resumed - will be down to his own courage and determination.

Dalton worked with Busst throughout last season while he recovered from a double hernia. "The boy's got a big heart, you can see from the way he plays," he said. "He will fight and work at it.

However, when he does return, as prognosis says he will, he will be nudging 30. "You can't even think about that," Dalton said. "I will treat him as an 18-year-old, and that way both of us will try to restore him to the fullest possible fitness."

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